

Wildcats continue to check-in against ML opponents

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STONEHAM – Survive and move on.

Those have been the words to live by over the past 30 years from Steve Scanlon whenever it comes to state tournament victories.

Now he's taking a similar approach here in the regular season.

On Saturday, the 'Cats didn't play their best game, but were able to get two power play goals to earn a come from behind 2-1 victory over league rival Stoneham (4-11-1).

The win puts the 'Cats at 7-8-2 overall – after starting out 0-6-1 – and have two games left with Melrose and Tewksbury. Both will be huge contests in terms of power rankings.

On Tuesday morning, the MIAA released its updated Power Rankings and Wilmington was No. 15 in Division 2. If the season ended with those same rankings, the Wildcats would host a first round game.

“All you are doing now is trying to stick as many wins as you can and hopefully get a home playoff game,” Scanlon said.

This victory certainly didn't come easy, and certainly didn't come with some ugly hockey. In the first period, the Spartans skated all around the 'Cats and peppered goalie Justin Finnegan (35 saves), holding a 17-4 advantage in shots and a 1-0 lead.

“The first period was the worst period that we have

played all year. We were outshot 17-4. We played better in the second period. We showed some resilience and came back to play a strong second and a steady third (to get the win),” said Scanlon. “We had been sputtering on the power play so to get two power play goals was big. We held water down later and (Justin Finnegan) played real good late in the game.”

The second period was much better. Wilmington outshot Stoneham 10-8, which included Matt O'Brien going in alone and getting stuffed on the backhand try on the breakaway.

Heading into the third period, the 'Cats still trailed 1-0. Five minutes into it, they were put to the test with a penalty, and they were able to kill that off, which included two gem saves by Finnegan, who had to flop to the ice to turn away both bids.

With 7:51 to go in the game, Stoneham was called for a penalty. Just 20 seconds later, junior defenseman Bobby Cyr took a pass from Brian Barry and then fired a slap shot from the point and rebound came out to senior captain Nae Alberti who fired it home to tie the game up at 1-1.

Just 23 seconds later, Stoneham was called for another penalty and 54 seconds after that the 'Cats struck again. Both Alberti and O'Brien worked the puck around before feeding defenseman Owen White, who blasted a slap shot into the far corner for the



Wilmington High junior defenseman Bobby Cyr holds off Reading's TJ Michel during an earlier season home hockey game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

game winner.

Alberti figured in both goals and continues to be red-hot with the stick.

“Alberti has now scored a point in nine straight games (after getting off to a slow start),” said Scanlon. “I think he may have been pressing a little early but all goal scorers go through some of that snakebitten stuff. You don't usually see it in the early part of the season. Out of the gate he was getting frustrated. I think part of it was he needed to take what the goalie was giving him. Some of these goalies are really big so if you throw it at their feet,

they may not get it.”

Finnegan kept the lead intact with a nice glove save coming with 5:45 to go. Later on Stoneham pulled the goal for the extra skater and couldn't get much of an attack going.

“Today was a winnable game and next Saturday is another winnable game with Melrose, and then we want to put a good effort in against Tewksbury (and see what happens). We want to see if we can stay in that top 15 and get a home playoff game,” said Scanlon.

Last Wednesday, Wilmington was defeated

by Wakefield, 3-2, in the 4-on-4 overtime period. Alberti and O'Brien scored the goals, but the Warriors scored the game's last three.

“We were up 2-0 and played a good first period and then we played poorly in the second period. We gave up two alarming goals – Wakefield scored on the first shift of the second period and then scored to tie it up with 16 seconds left in the second,” said Scanlon. “Those are alarming trends when you're giving up goals in the final seconds of periods. The third period was

even. Less with less than 20 seconds left (in overtime) we turned the puck over in our end and they scored with eleven seconds left. Wakefield is a good, hard-working team and they put you under a lot of stress. We were right there with them, but (it came down to) the inability to handle the puck under any kind of strain.”

Wilmington will have seven days off until they play Melrose (4-9-3) at the Kabuski Arena on Saturday (7:20 pm) before ending the regular season on Wednesday against Tewksbury (16-1-1).

Wilmington/Stoneham Girls Hockey team hits two-game skid

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STONEHAM – On the verge of a second consecutive playoff run, the last thing Stoneham-Wilmington girl's hockey needs at this stage is a prolonged losing skid. Not that a pair of losses represents a serious breakdown but there is cause for concern as the team has now suffered back-to-back defeats for the first time this season.

Last Saturday evening, Stoneham-Wilmington was edged, 2-1, by a Bishop-Fenwick club that sought to spoil their traditional senior night festivities and serve up a little payback for the 5-3 come-from-behind shocker dealt to them by S-W in mid-January.

And several days prior, Stoneham-Wilmington found itself on the short end of a 3-0 blanking in Burlington, a team they defeated in overtime in early January.

“We haven't been playing well since the Reading game,” said Stoneham-Wilmington Coach John Lapiana, referring to the stunning 5-1 defeat of the highly-touted Reading Rockets. “It feels like we've taken a giant step backwards. That's a scary thing. It's not the losses that bother me but rather, the direction that we seem to be going. Lately, we're playing individualized hockey.”

Until arriving at the Burlington Ice Palace for the season rematch with the Lady Devils, Stoneham-Wilmington had been crushing the opposition, recently topping Lexington and Melrose by margins of seven goals in each. And Reading, which on average had allowed less than 1.3 goals per game, yielded a season-high five tallies to the potent Stoneham-Wilmington skaters.

Facing Burlington last Wednesday, however, marked the beginning of a scoring drought that has yielded a single goal in the last two outings. The sudden lack of offense was baffling but Lapiana shared a laundry list of the reasons he felt were behind it.

“We tried to chip and go, we didn't play defense, we failed to stop forward progress, we didn't get the puck deep, and we ran around in our own zone,” the coach outlined. “We watched pucks instead of watching areas and/or man. We play zone to a certain point but when the puck goes to the net, we're supposed to switch to man. All this stuff really bit us in the rear end.”

Burlington's Emma Steiner buried the go-ahead goal 3:10 into the game and ten-minutes later, Abby Wojtaszek doubled the lead. The Lady Devils were dominate, consuming long stretches

of time in the offensive zone. Stoneham-Wilmington's Maddie Sainato was exceptional, turning aside ten first period shots and 15 in the middle frame. The premier goaltender, as she often did, labored to keep the door open for her teammates to rally back. But the offense failed to answer the call, mustering a season low 12-shots in all.

“I don't think it was a letdown as much as we didn't play strong fundamental hockey,” said Lapiana, when asked if he thought the lackluster performance in Burlington was post-Reading fallout. “We just didn't play our typical hockey.”

Returning to the Stoneham Arena on Saturday to face a Crusaders club that had suffered defeats in three of their previous four games, Stoneham-Wilmington claimed a first period lead on Katelin Hally's 14th of the season, from Grace Tobias. The scoring play was a direct result of Bishop-Fenwick's smothering coverage of S-W scoring leader Lily MacKenzie, who drew two defenders, sometimes three, each time she crossed into the offensive zone. The respect the Crusaders staff gave MacKenzie opened the ice for her linemates, including Hally, who collected

the Tobias feed and with ample space and time in the left circle, picked her spot for the go-ahead goal.

“Every time a team adopts a tactic, it creates an opportunity for the opposition,” said Lapiana, when asked about the attention placed on MacKenzie, resulting in the Hally score.

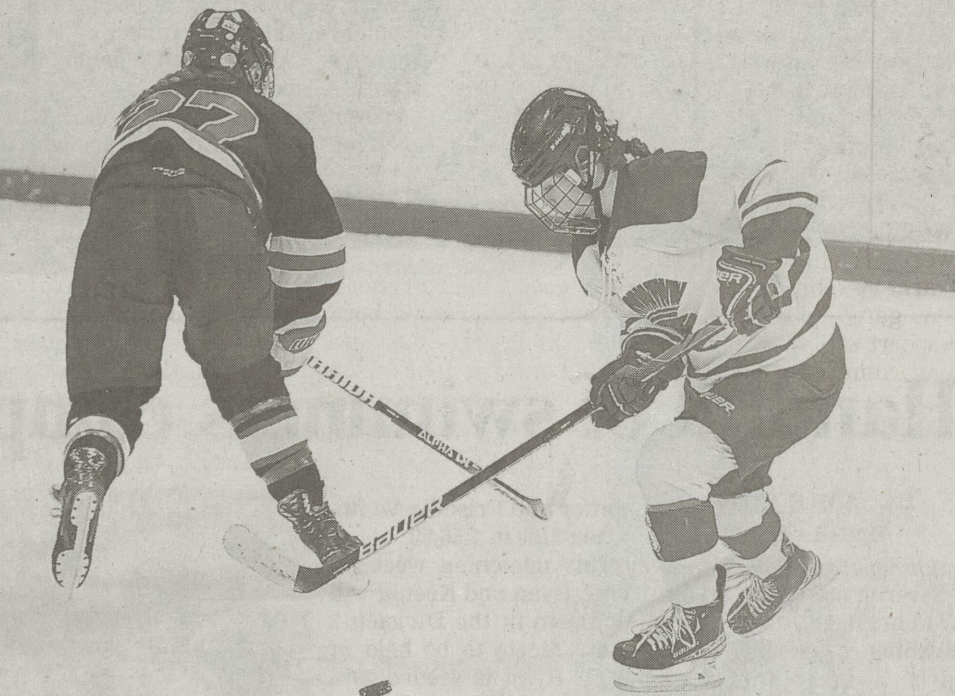
During a six-minute second period span, Stoneham-Wilmington all but abandoned disciplined hockey, committing three consecutive infractions, including a pair of holding calls and a trip. The penalties proved costly, as

Bishop-Fenwick's top offensive threats each buried power play goals. Ali Sprissler beat Sainato off a pass from Penny Levine-Stein to tie it and soon returned the favor, feeding Levine-Stein for a go-ahead tally.

“We have had many disciplinary lapses throughout the season,” admitted Lapiana, whose record stands at 11-5-1 with three regular season contests remaining. “We've been fortunate in those instances that we had enough of a cushion that it didn't hurt us. But in a tight game like this, it becomes a battle of which

team makes the fewest mistakes.”

The Middlesex Freedom League crown remains in question, as Stoneham-Wilmington and Burlington battle to the bitter end for rights to the crown. Each team has league foes to face down the stretch which may impact the results. Stoneham-Wilmington traveled to Wakefield Wednesday night (results in after press time) and will wrap up the regular season with a visit to Framingham for a two-game winter break tournament (times and opponents to be announced).



Wilmington's Lily Mackenzie (15) tries to shift past Winchester's Annie Ettenhoffer (27) during an earlier season contest. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

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Remembering when Collin Murphy and NU won the Beanpot in 2018

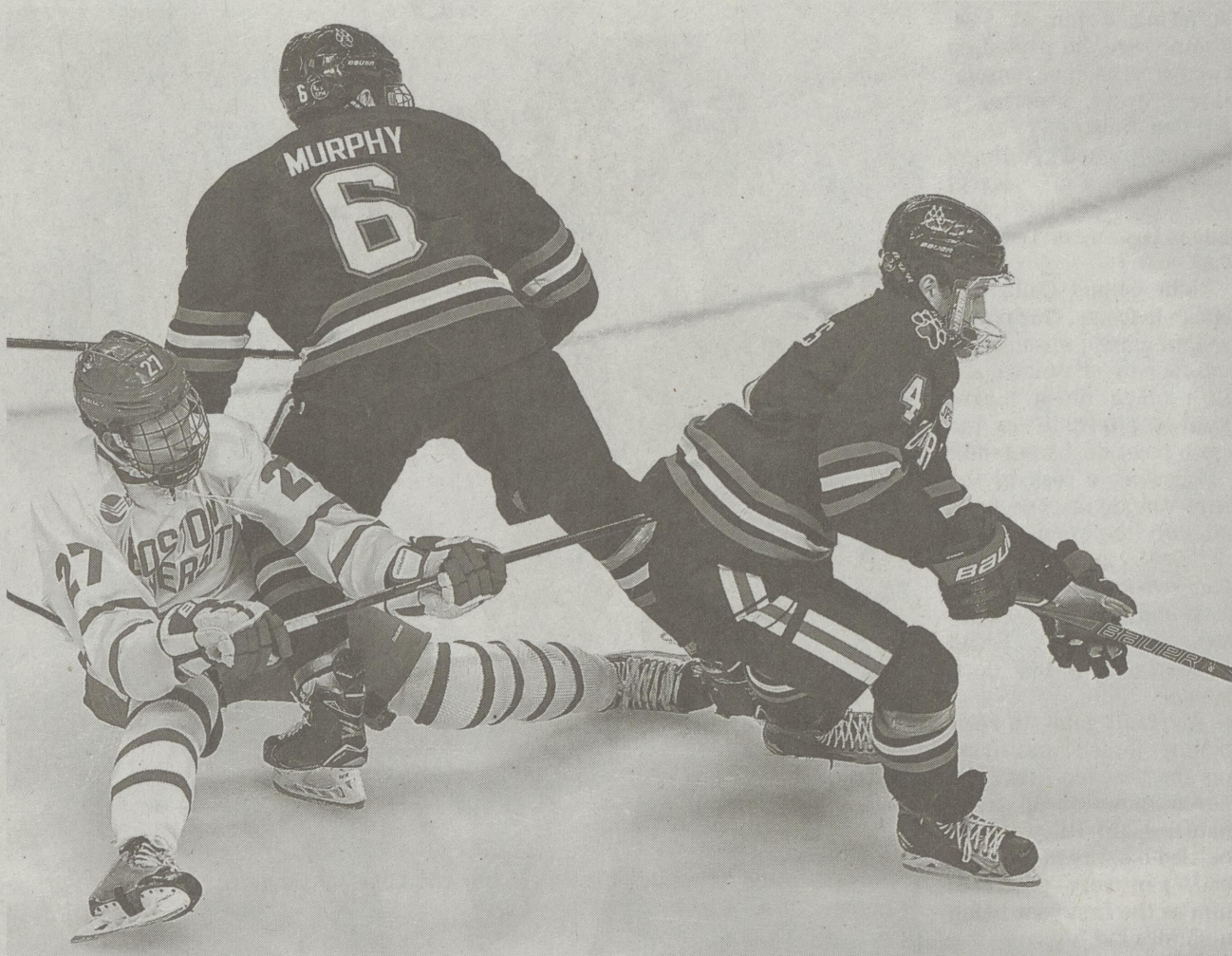
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BOSTON — The Northeastern University Men's Hockey team made history on Monday night at TD Garden, beating Boston University 5-2 in the finals of the 66th Annual Beanpot Tournament, bringing home the fifth Beanpot title in program history, but more significantly, it was the first Beanpot title since 1988 for the Huskies. "The curse is broken," Northeastern coach Jim Madigan told the Associated Press. "We haven't won a tournament in 30 years, and people keep asking you (about it). It starts playing on you mentally. These young men just stayed focused, blocked out the noise the best they can. I'm just elated for our institution."

One of those players whose focus helped the Huskies snap their 30-year drought was freshman defenseman Collin Murphy of Wilmington. Murphy, who had an outstanding career at Austin Prep before joining the Muskegon Lumberjacks of the USHL, has been with the Huskies since late December and he was elated to be a part of the curse breaking victory.

"Winning the Beanpot for the first time in 30 years for Northeastern is a surreal feeling," Murphy said. "I have been dreaming of the day to get a chance to play in the Beanpot and to win it my first year here I couldn't be more thankful.



Being from Boston this was one of the main reasons why I wanted to come to Northeastern."

As big as the win was for the history of the program, the 30-year drought wasn't a big part of their focus heading into the tournament, as they were more focused on simply beating Boston University than on making history.

"The 30-year drought wasn't really talked about," Murphy said. "We as a team just focused on the game at hand and trying to get the win."

Murphy has been a fixture in the Northeastern lineup since joining the Huskies on December 30, playing in nine of a possible 12 games, including seeing action on both Beanpot games. He has quickly become a big part of the Northeastern team

and the community, which made hoisting the Beanpot trophy in front of his friends, family and Northeastern fans a moment he will never forget.

"Holding the trophy when our team won was an amazing feeling," Murphy said. "So many kids from the Boston area who play hockey dream of doing this and I couldn't be more thankful to be a part of it."

While the celebration on the ice and in the locker room was something Murphy and his teammates will never forget, so was the celebration once the team made it back to Huntington Avenue.

"The memories made when we came back to school for the celebration will last a lifetime," Murphy said. "The entire

school was beyond and excited and it was just a good feeling to bring the Beanpot back to Northeastern."

The Huskies were led to the victory by senior forward Adam Gaudette, who had a hat trick, including scoring two of the three power play goals on the night for Northeastern, and for his efforts he was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

But the Huskies wouldn't have been as successful without the outstanding performance of freshman goalie Cayden Primeau, who stopped 38 shots in the championship game and won the Eberly Award as the top goalie.

One of the big reasons for Primeau's success so quickly at the college level has been the guidance of Huskies goalie

coach, Ed Walsh, a 1983 graduate of Tewksbury High, where he led the Redmen to the sectional semifinals in his senior year with an incredible post season performance.

Walsh has been the goalie coach for the past five years, following stints with UMass-Lowell ('94-2003, then 2010-11), Dartmouth College for seven years, while he also spent one year at New England College. At UML, he worked with former Dwayne Roloson and Connor Hutton, among other standouts. Roloson had a pretty good NHL career bouncing around with several times, while, Hutton is having an outstanding season between the pipes for the St. Louis Blues.

During his time at UML, Walsh coached eight of

the program's top 12 goal-tenders all-time in terms of goals against average, including Hutton who ranks second. During his time at NU, he guided Ryan Ruck (2.36) and Clay Witt (2.37) to the two lowest single-season goals against averages in program history, in addition to Witt setting the single-season save percentage of .932 and Ruck's 20 wins during the 2015-'16 season.

Obviously, Walsh is no stranger to coaching elite goalies, and as he explained after last week's first round win over Boston College when Primeau had 37 saves, he knows that Primeau certainly falls into that category.

"He's a true blue-chipper," Walsh said. "He's just 18 years old which is so rare in this league. It's just very difficult to come into this league at 18 years of age and be the man. We want to keep getting him developed, keep getting him better and learning more about the upper levels of the game or the level that he's at now which is different from the level he played at before."

As for Primeau, he is confident that Walsh will be able to help him reach that next level, as he explained after last week's first round win.

"(Walsh) comes in a couple of times a week, and we go over goals from the week before," said Primeau after the win. "He is very smart and he is there a lot, which helps. He does things specific to each goalie. He doesn't try to beat anything into anyone, he just tries to modify each goalie's game. He doesn't try to force his own thing on anybody, but he works with what each of us in our own way."

Basketball teams fall to Melrose, and hold a successful fundraiser

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On Friday night, it was bigger than basketball at Wilmington High School. While both the girls and boys varsity teams squared off against Melrose, it was the first "Play4Kay" night, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women affected by cancer.

"It's a fundraiser that Jess Robinson, the basketball coach from last year who's still involved and helping me out a lot, set it up," said girls head coach Chris Frissore. "It's fighting against all cancers that affect women."

Players on both Wilmington varsity teams were seen rocking special warm-up shirts prior to the game to show their support while fans had the opportunity to donate to

the cause.

Despite both 'Cats squads losing, both teams understood the power sports has on making a positive impact on the community.

In the girls 44-32 loss, Frissore thought his team played well.

"I thought we played pretty good," he said. "We just couldn't put the ball in the basket. It was just not a good shooting night for us."

Poor shooting nights has been one of the primary killers to Wilmington's ability to stay in games this season, which proved to be the difference on Friday.

"We moved the ball well, we didn't turn the ball over too much, so all that was good," said Frissore. "That's what we've been preaching, but then we didn't put the ball in the

hole, so that was really what it came down to."

When Frissore notices his team is struggling from the field, he tries to simplify the offense.

"I'm trying to get them to get into the paint and get some easy baskets," he said. "Just trying to get them to run in transition and all that, but sometimes they just aren't falling."

Eva Boudreau led the team with 18 points, followed by Jessica Collins (six points), and Alessandra Delgenio (four points).

Now sitting at No. 34 in the power rankings with a 5-13 record, the 'Cats are two positions short of a playoff berth with two games remaining.

"We definitely have to win them both, I think it's going to be a far shot but if we win them both then

maybe if other teams lose too. We really needed that one," admitted Frissore."

Frissore and his team will conclude the regular season with games against Burlington and Medford.

Following the girls contest, the boys tipped off with Melrose, falling by a score of 67-54.

After coming out to a slow start, the 'Cats went on a 21-10 run to cut the Melrose lead to three in the third quarter.

"We were down fourteen going into half," said head coach Jon Amico. "We played terrible in the first half, we came out very flat. We came back and outscored them twenty-one to ten in the third."

Wilmington even tied the

game in the fourth, but couldn't close it out, ending their two game win streak. Being without star point guard Tiago Gomez as well as center Ayden Balter ended up hurting the 'Cats down the stretch.

"We were going back and forth for the first couple minutes of the fourth and then they pulled away in the last three or four minutes," said Amico.

Despite the loss, Amico is once again proud of the way his team didn't give up, a common theme throughout their challenging season.

"We were playing better defense," he said. "(Then) we were just scoring on offense. The first half a lot of our shots weren't

falling. That third quarter we hit a couple three's and got a bunch of layups."

Wilmington's offensive push was led by Austin Harper's five threes (15 total points), Ben Marvin (14 points), and Noah Spencer (13 points).

With two games left in the season, Amico's goals aren't changing.

"We have the same goals as we've had the whole year," he said. "Just trying to close out strong. Burlington is obviously a very good team and North Reading already beat us once, so we'll definitely try to close out strong here."



To the left, Wilmington's Charlie Rosa (left) and Noah Spencer look to jump into the play during a boys hoop game and above Erin takes a shot during a varsity girls game. (photos by Joe Brown/Bob DeChiara).

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Planning Board moves forward with lots of projects

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WILMINGTON — The Planning Board opened and continued the public hearings of various site plan reviews, stormwater management special permits, sign special permits, parking relief special permits, groundwater protection district special permits, and more during their meeting on Tuesday night.

They approved the draft decisions made for the sign special permit at 38 Upton Drive. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich confirmed that the applicant moved the signs and explained the variance from their typical draft decisions.

Regarding the site plan and parking relief special permit for 99 Fordham Road, Gingrich mentioned that the issues with finishing the work due to the town's water main replacement had resolved. Jill Mann, representing the applicant, said the only element left incomplete at the time was the top coat of pavement. A resident's concern about lighting on the property reflecting on to their abutting property was brought up, and Mann said they would look into it.

The public hearing for this site was then closed and the decisions approved as drafted.

The site plan review and stormwater management permit for 230, 234, and 240 Ballardvale St., detailed by attorney Mike Newhouse, proposed consolidating these three lots to make use of shared storage space. Each lot currently contains one building. The idea is to organize storage in an under-utilized area and connect a new underground system for stormwater.

The board voted to continue this public hearing until their next meeting.

The representatives on behalf of Cross Street's site plan review, stormwater management permit, and groundwater protection district special permit explained that they had coordinated with MassDOT to align their plans and would do the same with the town engineer's comments. Attorney Rob Peterson Jr. agreed that the applicant was fine with coordinating the sign, but he wasn't sure the comment about re-signaling because of increased car traffic was warranted.

Gingrich asked them to provide the trip distribution for the next meeting, to which the discussion was continued.

Peterson also spoke for 885 and 889 Woburn St., proposing a material processing and recycling site. This would involve demolishing the three existing buildings on the site and the creation of two drive-

ways with parking along the front of the building.

Several abutter's attorneys asked questions about how their properties would be impacted — mainly with noise and smell concerns from the construction.

The board expressed concern with the driveway and potential truck route. Chair Terence Boland asked the representatives of the project to allow peer review from the town's traffic consultant. They then continued this item to the next month.

Representative Matthew Costa explained some of the aspects of the site plan for 800 Salem St. including screens, updated stormwater, a holding tank for the pump house, wetland buffers, and a mechanical street sweeper. He also included that they were increasing the height of the buildings from 32 to 36 feet.

The board voted to continue this public hearing.

30 Upton Drive's proposal involved amending the existing site plan review permit so they could construct a warehouse behind the existing building and relocate the loading docks. This would reduce the number of parking spaces by 10. Gingrich suggested that the representative work with the town engineer to get their plans in line so they could have draft decisions at the next meeting, and the public hearing was continued.

Costa also represented 38 Upton Drive's site plan review and stormwater management permit. He explained the project received Zoning Board of Appeals approval for additional uses. Their current plan was to occupy half of the building with a manufacturing company using microwave plasma to make batteries while reducing energy costs.

The only site change described was exchanging the loading spaces. Costa mentioned they would expect a slight increase of cars during peak hours but overall trips would stay the same as detailed in the traffic study.

Gingrich extrapolated on a comment she'd made to the applicant regarding the walking trail, asking if the trail could be continued to perhaps follow the wetlands buffer. She assured them it didn't have to be formal or a condition of approval. They still continued this to the next meeting.

A new site design was presented and received favorably by the board for the multi-family permit for 203 Lowell St. before the public hearing was continued to March. The representatives for this project were asking permission to make garage level revisions, façade revisions, and project phasing.

They moved the accessible parking spaces and proposed more variety of materials and colors on the building facades. Lastly, they hoped to pull a building permit for the residential building and ensure that construction is separated from occupied areas.



Congratulations to WHS' Hayduk and Koss!

Wilmington High School is proud to announce that two students have been named finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Elisabeth Hayduk and Nikos Koss! (courtesy photos)

Select Board receive updates on Olin, housing choice from Sen. Finegold, Rep. Robertson

By LIZZY HILL
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WILMINGTON — At the Select Board meeting on Monday night, Senator Barry Finegold and Representative David Robertson provided updates for the board on a variety of important issues. Select Board Chair Judy O'Connell introduced Finegold as Wilmington's newest senator.

Finegold formally introduced himself also, assuring residents that he'd listen and support any needs and issues no matter how small. He asked the board to tell himself and Robertson how they could help with the board's initiatives.

O'Connell explained that she invited Finegold and Robertson that night to provide the board a chance to ask them questions. She first asked for an update on the Olin Superfund Site.

Robertson answered that the remediation entered

the next step of hydrology. He mentioned that there had been a public comment period, during which they sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Protection asking them to hold the companies to blame to the highest standard.

O'Connell then asked about the plans for redevelopment on the site. Town Manager Jeff Hull replied saying that New England Transrail, or Wilmington Woburn Intermodal, is looking to redevelop the property for warehousing.

"My understanding is that once an agreement is reached, the proposed development would look to proceed," he said.

Next, the chair asked about housing choice and the DHCD guidelines where Wilmington is considered an "MBTA community." Finegold said, in his opinion, Wilmington seems to be moving in the right direction to

prioritize affordable housing where other towns aren't. He identified the potential of increased funds at stake if Wilmington weren't to continue forward in the compliance process.

Robertson said that he was frustrated with the initial DHCD guidelines at first. He showed concern for the infrastructure required with increased development but agreed that Wilmington is doing the right things. He later clarified that the units don't need to be built, but just allowed via zoning.

Kevin Cairra asked the pair if they voted in favor of the housing choice bill, and they both declared that they voted in favor due to other benefits in the bill such as municipal bailouts and federal funding.

Another issue O'Connell asked the delegation about was the Conservation Commission appeal of Princeton Properties' approval, which al-

lowed other 40B projects to be passed because the affordable housing units from Princeton Properties weren't added into Wilmington's numbers.

She suggested that these have "changed the shape of Wilmington."

Finegold agreed that the process was frustrating and that it seemed unfair for just a few folks to make the decisions for thousands of people. Robertson said that he, too, wanted to see the Princeton Properties units count, but he wasn't sure if this required a legislative change. Finegold assured the board that they could report back on this matter.

Gary DePalma later expressed a similar sentiment with the process, placing blame on the state and on Mass Housing, and the fact that there was limited opportunity for the community as a whole to comment.

With the MBTA, O'Connell

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License change requests, use of spaces approved

By LIZZY HILL
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WILMINGTON — Select Board Chair Judy O'Connell opened the Select Board meeting on Monday night expressing gratitude to the board during her bereavement and the moment of silence honoring her late father Leo O'Connell.

The board first held a public hearing for a request to amend the flammable license for the property located at 730

Main St. O'Connell mentioned the request involved increasing the storage of flammable materials onsite, and it had been recommended for approval by the fire chief and building inspector.

Justin Miranda, HSE Manager at Covestro, explained that the content of the additional 10,000 gallon tanks would be the foundation of their product. The board approved the application.

Next, Veterans Services Director Lou Cimaglia

joined Eagle Scout candidate Noah Carriere to provide the board an update regarding his Eagle Scout Project. Cimaglia reminded the board about the project they approved on Oct. 11 which was designed to honor the town's veterans and those killed and missing in action.

He invited them to the unveiling ceremony at the Wildwood Cemetery at 10 a.m. on March 25. Carriere promised that the ceremony would be

really nice.

O'Connell commented that she had been impressed with many Eagle Scout projects so far. She also commended him for his commitment to the country and for designing t-shirts as part of the fundraiser. Kevin Cairra said that he was glad that Carriere brought the idea before them and turned it into reality.

Greg Bendel said that he was proud of Carriere's

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Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

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Needleworkers

Friday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs

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Lego Day!

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Drop-in for a special day of community Lego set building! Come by the library anytime between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to work together as a family and with other families to dismantle the LEGO Pirate ship from

December's LEGO build and rebuild it into something new at this fun drop-in, day-long event! Grades K-5

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Taste Test Challenge

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Do you have what it tastes to be a champ? Come test your taste buds at this yummy challenge! Grades 6-12

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Bob Shea Picture Book Author Visit!

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.

Meet the artist behind our newest mural in the children's room! Bob Shea, author and illustrator of picture books like, Who Wet My Pants, Chez Bob, Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great, and The Dinosaur Vs. Series, is coming to Wilmington! Come listen to Bob read a book and join in a drawing activity. All Ages

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Switch it Up! Video Game Club

Thursday, Feb. 23, 3:45 p.m.

Love video games? Love Nintendo Switch? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play your favorite Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

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Exploration Station

Friday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.

Develop STEAM and early literacy skills through fun, hands-on experiments and activities! Ages 2-5

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Paying for College 101

Saturday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m.

College is one of life's most significant consumer purchases and financial investments. This workshop seminar will review the process of securing financial aid, eligibility criteria, application steps, and deadlines. The workshop presented by Tom O'Hare, College Advisor, will examine various strategies for meeting college costs, including awarding practices, and the finer details of personal resources, savings, scholarships,

merit aid, and need-based financial aid. Grades 6-12

INDOOR

Teen Book Club

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m.

Join us for Teen Book Club during February break. We will be reading The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune. Copies will be available for checkout prior to the meeting. Grades 9-12

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Saturday, Feb. 25, 3 p.m.

Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join us for a virtual campaign via Zoom every month with DM Mike! Please register using the email address where you'd like to receive the Zoom invitation (no school emails, please). You will receive the Zoom invitation via email at least an hour before the program begins. You will need to register for an account on D&D Beyond before playing. Please email us at teens@wilmlibrary.org with any questions. Grades 6-8

Additional Information

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Minute Madness

It's tournament time! This year's Minute Madness competition will be fierce. Can you help us out-read 21 other Massachusetts libraries? Starting March 1, log your reading as we fight for a spot in the Championship. Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers all count towards our total. See website for details.

Book Store Next Door Winter Hours

The Book Store Next Door will be closed on Wednesdays in February. They are open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the library are accepting jewelry donations. The next jewelry sale is scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2023.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Nominate someone for the Good Guy Award

WILMINGTON — Who remembers learning about the musical scale EGBDF during music classes in elementary school? "Every Good Guy Deserves Fudge."

Every Good Guy and Girl deserves a nomination letter explaining why they should be selected as the 2023 recipient of the Wilmington Good Guy Award. The surprise presentation will be made on Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall.

Tell us why your nominee is special in the community. Do they volunteer to help others as a coach or a confidant, do they step in and help a cause when it is needed without being asked? Do they offer companionship, clean neighbor's driveways during snowstorms, volunteer at the food pantry, or make sure that families have what they need at Thanksgiving and Christmas?

Maybe they volunteer with special needs individuals, or perhaps they mentor or tutor students who are having a hard time understanding math concepts. Do they council others who may be in need of direction, or intervention? You know them when you meet them.

What makes these folks so special in our community? Do your part and let us know about the good things that they do here in Wilmington. Nomination letters can be sent to Wilmington Good Guy c/o 3 Franklin Ave. in Wilmington or by email to wilmingtongoodguy@gmail.com

Nominations must be received by Friday, March 24 at 5 p.m. All nomination letter writers will be advised during the following week as to whether their candidate has been selected. Let's plan to fill the Knights of Columbus on May 12 to hear first-hand why this person is so deserving of this award.

Please keep in mind that an individual serving in a paid or elected position for the town cannot be nominated in connection with the activities for which they are being recognized.

Increase in Ch. 70, 90 funds

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nell expressed concern that they couldn't improve at the rate required in Wilmington's developments. Finegold said in his response that decreased ridership brought issues to the MBTA.

In the meantime, Finegold said that he hoped an increase in commercial business could lessen the burden on taxpayers. He also mentioned that the town could expect an increase in chapters 70 and 90 funds next year, though that wouldn't be stable.

Robertson added that the Massachusetts General Law 40c could potentially provide some tax relief.

Greg Bendel asked for updates on Route 38 and Butters Row and the MSBA process for the

Wildwood School. Robertson shared that the Butters Row project was nearing the end of its design stage but had issues getting the bonds issued.

Regarding the MSBA, Finegold said that the reimbursement rate may be closer to the cost per foot but not as high as the rates with the high school.

Relatedly, O'Connell asked if they knew of any state funding that the town could use for the senior center, town hall/school admin building, or fire substation, which they didn't.

Lilia Maselli asked how the board could support the delegation. Robertson said they should continue to reach out and champion their priorities and initiatives as they were already doing.

Smith named to Dean's List at The College of Saint Rose

ALBANY, NY — Congratulations to Kaitlyn Smith, of Wilmington, for earning a spot on the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York. Smith is majoring in Forensic Psychology at Saint Rose.

Full-time undergraduate students, who complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours and who achieve a semester average of 3.5 without a D, F, or Incomplete are eligible for the Dean's List.

The College of Saint Rose (www.strose.edu) is a dynamic, progressive college in the heart of New York's capital city where teaching is the first priority. The Saint Rose experience empowers students to improve themselves and the world around them.

Board takes no action on Green Meadow Drive

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Boland stipulated that he didn't want to see the applicant return and repurpose the buildings into residential when they had agreed on commercial properties. He also noticed landscape changes and asked for sufficient planting. The response said they were keeping trees but getting rid of some proposed shrubs.

The board recommended that a special permit seemed appropriate for mechanical equipment for the Zoning Board of Appeals case with 38 Upton Drive.

Three projects requested to continue that night, and the board moved accordingly to do so with 208 Main St., 326 Ballardvale St., and 26 Upton Drive to March and 90 Eames St. to April.

The board approved other requests that night including a Form A request for Pershing Street; endorsing the plans for 41 Westdale Ave., 40-50 Fordham Road, and 353 Middlesex Ave.; and the site plan review waiver for 65 Industrial Way.


They simply heard discussion on the North Wilmington Estates definitive subdivision, as the attorney had provided timelines for completing the work, and no action was required.

Lastly, they made no motion regarding the requested street acceptance for Green Meadow Drive. Gingrich mentioned that the typical waiting period after the street is paved is 18 months. Seeing as this street was only paved four months ago, the board agreed to follow the standard procedure and wait until next year.

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SMALL BUSINESS RENT EXPENSES MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Rent is any amount paid for the use of property that a small business doesn't own. Typically, rent can be deducted as a business expense when the rent is for property the taxpayer uses for the business. Here are some things small business owners should keep in mind when it comes to deducting rental expenses:

Lease or purchase: Businesses must determine whether an agreement is a lease or a conditional sales contract. Payments made under a conditional sales contract aren't deductible as rent expense.

Unreasonable rent: businesses can't take a rental deduction for unreasonable rents paid. Rent is unreasonable for deduction when it is higher than market value or a professional appraisal. Usually, unreasonable rent becomes a problem when business owners and the lessors are related. Rent paid to a related person is reasonable if it's the same amount a business owner would pay to a stranger for use of the same property.

Office in the home: a business owner's workplace can be in their home if they have a home office that qualifies as their principal place of business. Business owners who rent their home and have a home office as their principal place of business may also qualify for a deduction. IRS Publication 587 has more details about this deduction.

Rent paid in advance: rent paid for a business is usually deductible in the year it is paid. If a business pays rent in advance, it can deduct only the amount that applies to the use of the rented property during the tax year. The business can deduct the rest of the payment over the period to which it applies. Business owners can review Publication 535, Business Expenses, for detailed examples on rent paid in advance.

Canceling a lease: a business can usually deduct the costs paid to cancel a business lease.

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Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

WCTV is looking writers to be guests on our Podcast, "Wilmington Writes."

While our new podcast studio is being built, we thought this would be a great time to reach out to the community and find more writers to feature on the podcast.

Guests will come to WCTV studios and bring along the creative selection they wish to share. During the interview, we will ask each author a few questions about the piece they read to the audience, why they write and more! The visit to WCTV will take 20 minutes per guest. Writers of all ages are welcome! We will accept, poetry, excerpts from short stories or novels as well as other creative writing samples.

If you would like to be featured on the podcast, please contact Lisa Kapala-Egan at: lisa@wctv.org.

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Announcement

for parents of students attending Tewksbury Public Schools: Career, Vocational, and Technical School Application Process (For schools other than Shawsheen Valley Technical High School)

Chapter 74 Non-Resident Tuition

Students interested in out-of-district placements under Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to Tewksbury Public Schools, Brenda Theriault-Regan, Superintendent, for the specific school they wish to attend by April 1st of the preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves the right to reject any application received after that date.

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► Tewksbury Police gather at the grave of officer George Gale, the first person of color to serve with the Tewksbury Police Department and a descendent of one of the town's first families.
(Photos courtesy Tewksbury Police Department)



▲ The grave of officer George Gale off First Avenue in the Tewksbury Cemetery.



▲ Officer George Gale, as pictured in a 1945 Tewksbury Police Department publication.



Tewksbury PD recognizes the life and contributions of officer George Gale

TEWKSBURY - In recognition of Black History Month, Police Chief Ryan Columbus and the Tewksbury Police Department would like to acknowledge the life and contributions of officer George Gale, the first person of color to serve on the department.

Gale was a descendent of John J. and Virginia Gale, who fled the south around 1868 to find a better life. The Gale family was one of the first families of Tewksbury, and the first family of color known to

live in town.

Nancy Reed, of the Tewksbury Historical Society, researched Gale's history for Tewksbury Police after Chief Columbus saw Gale mentioned in a historical document and realized he never heard of the officer before.

Based on historical documents located by Reed, the Gale family was welcomed by townspeople and provided housing by the Farmer family.

John J. Gale worked as a laborer, and operated John

Gale and Sons in the early 1900s. He had seven children including George Gale, who was born in 1894.

George Gale joined the Tewksbury Police Department in 1942, and retired in 1958.

George Gale was mentioned in a 1945 police publication which contains a photograph of him in uniform. The publication states, "George Gale of Main Street is the night clerk at the office in the Town Hall. He is a member of one of the first families in town. His father, John, came north immediately after the Civil War in 1868. George has been on duty only three years but is considered an old standby. He is kind, courteous, and faithful."

Officer Gale is also mentioned in a 1932 newspaper publication about the Tewksbury Athletic Club. George was selected as the organization's Treasurer and was interviewed about the Athletic Club.

"Everybody in Tewksbury knows George A. Gale," the article states. "No better man could be picked for the job as Treasurer of the T.A.C."

The club, which had 86 members at the time, provided Tewksbury youth a chance to play football, baseball, boxing, wrestling, hockey, and many other sports.

George Gale served in the U.S. Army in World War I. His brother Ernest was also a veteran of World War I, according to historical documents.

George Gale lived the remainder of his life in Tewksbury, and died in 1985 at age 90. He never married or had children, and has no known descendants left in the area.

"We not only honor our brother, police officer George Gale, but also his entire family for their service to the community of Tewksbury and our entire country," said Chief Columbus. "Our hope is to honor George and the Gale family each year, and we may look into raising money to place a historical marker on the family's gravesite in the Tewksbury Cemetery. I would also like to encourage anyone who has more information about the Gale family to reach out to me at 978-851-7373 extension 214."

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
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G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. MI23P0387PM

In the matter of:
Maria C. Hanley
Of: Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by John A. D'Antonio of Salem, MA, Robert L. Galante of Woburn, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Maria C. Hanley is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that John A. D'Antonio of Salem, MA Robert L. Galante of Woburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/23/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 26, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI23P0390GD

In the matter of:
Maria C. Hanley
Of: Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by John D'Antonio of Salem, MA Robert J. Galante of Woburn, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Maria C. Hanley is in need of a Guardian and requesting that John D'Antonio of Salem, MA Robert J. Galante of Woburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/23/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Date: January 26, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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The petition asks the court to

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Section 6.3.2 for Sign Special Permit #23-01, plan entitled, "ALTANSPPS Land Title Survey, 37 Upton Drive, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts" dated February 10, 2021, prepared by Gregory R. Corcoran, Dana F. Perkins, Inc., 1057 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, and Poblack Sign Company, LLC, 4 Industrial Park Road, Medway, MA 02053, submitted on February 9, 2023. The application is for the installation of two (2) freestanding signs, each being 48.67 square feet, exceeding the allowed one (1) freestanding sign per building lot, and exceeding the allowed square footage of 50 square feet. Said property is located at 37 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18K.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
230209 2/15,22/23

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 7, 2023 at 8:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #23-07, plan entitled, "AT&T, Wilmington MA Salem St, MAL03079, 773 Salem Street, Wilmington, MA 01887", dated April 4, 2022, last revised December 6, 2022, prepared by Abraham Rokach, P.E., Fullerton Engineering Consultants, LLC, 1100 E. Woodfield Road, Suite 500, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173. The application is for the removal of existing equipment and installation of new sector frames, antennas, RRUs, and various other equipment both on the tower and on the ground. Said property is located at 773 Salem Street and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 23.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington
By: Jeffrey M. Hull,
Town Manager
230221 02/15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item: **REBUILD/ REPLACE WATER PUMPS AT REPLANT WATER TREATMENT PLANT** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town's website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Town Manager on **March 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 4-23
Golden Trust Realty
Map 35, Parcel 29
79 Nichols Street

- Seeking issuance of a comprehensive permit under MGL Chapter 40B.

Case 5-23
Matthew Costa;
Beals Associates Inc
Map R1, Parcel 18
38 Upton Drive

- Requesting a special permit to allow for an increase height above the permitted by-right height of 48-feet to allow for the installation of roof top mechanical equipment to support the tenant's manufacturing processes within the building.
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. MI22P0478EA

Estate of: Leonard J Coffill
Date of Death: 10/31/2021

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Heather M Coffill of Wilmington MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/08/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 08, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
230200 2/15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 7, 2023 at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Section 6.3.2 for Sign Special Permit #23-02, submitted on February 9, 2023. The application is for the installation of one (1) 39 square foot sign, being a total of 177.79 inches in length and a total of 28.19 inches in height on the second floor of the building, exceeding the allowed length of 10 feet. Said property is located at 362 Middlesex Avenue and shown on Assessor's Map 89 Parcel 6A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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Michaud named to President's List at Dean

FRANKLIN — Sarah Michaud of Tewksbury has earned a place on the President's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Students named to the President's List have demonstrated a serious commit-

ment to their studies while at Dean College.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin, 45 minutes from Boston, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College

offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

Enjoy winter festivals without the winter

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

By looking at the thermometer lately, one would never guess we are deep into a New England winter season.

Mid-February usually offers the New England area plenty of snow and cold temperatures, but winter of 2023 has been seriously lacking in both categories.

While you may not miss shoveling snow this season, you certainly won't want to miss out on having fun at one of the many winter festivals happening in our area just in time to kick off school winter vacation.

On Feb. 17 and 18 all are welcome to Lowell Winterfest at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

This annual event for the City of Lowell promises a great time for all, with or without snow!

Attractions include the National Human Dog Sled Championship, the Family Fun Zone, and outdoor games and amusements.

Be sure to bring your appetite to the Lowell Winterfest, as there will be plenty of specialty foods on hand, including the traditional favorite North Bowl Soup Competition.

Enjoy shopping at the winter market, featuring crafts and food items from local artists and vendors.

The two-day event ends with a spectacular fireworks display. For a full schedule of events visit www.lowellwinterfest.com.

Since it is school vacation week, why not load up the family SUV and make an off season trip to Cape Cod for the Yarmouth Winter Carnival on Feb. 18 through the 20th.

This carnival takes place at a summertime favorite place, Skull Island, located at 934 Rt. 28 in South Yarmouth.

The kids will have fun with face painting, balloon artists, stilt walkers and a hula hoop and fire show. Mom and dad will enjoy live music, delicious food and craft vendors. There is also a petting zoo and an outdoor, synthetic ice skating rink.

Admission is \$3 per person, but kids under 6 are free. Ice skating is \$10 per

person, and reservations for the skating rink are required.

To register for ice skating, or for questions about the event, call the Yarmouth Recreation Department at 508-398-2231 x1520.

Celebrate Presidents Day at WinterFest in Quincy on Feb. 20 from 2 to 7 p.m. This free event takes place in and around the historic Hancock Adams Common, located at 1305 Hancock St. in Quincy.

This celebration includes a bird and reptile exhibit show, the Mad Scientist Fire and Ice show and puppet performances. Live music acts include an appearance by Brendan Ryan from NBC's The Voice.

There will also be ice sculpture demonstrations, a Winter Laser show, and plenty of food provided by local vendors.

Although all events are free, some shows may require advance registration. For more information on this event visit www.eventbrite.com/e/481661180557.

A combination of local history and natural beauty is what you'll find on Saturday, Feb. 25 in Harvard. Celebrate WinterFest at Harvard's Fruitland Museum, located at 102 Prospect Hill Road in Harvard.

The Fruitland Museum and the Harvard Lion's Club teamed up to provide a fun day of activities for the whole family.

Activities include a 5k road race, a Human Dog Sled Race, family friendly games and activities. Relax by the fire pit and make s'mores, or enjoy good food, beer and wine in the heated tent.

Admission to WinterFest also includes access to the Fruitland Museum Art Gallery, Wayside Gallery and the Fruitland grounds.

Tickets are \$5 per person for non-members, and free for Trustee members. For more information on activities and tickets, visit www.thetrustees.org.

School winter vacation is almost upon us. Even though the kids may be missing sledding time this vacation, at least mom and dad are not missing snow shoveling time, and there are still plenty of winter activities to enjoy without the frozen flakes.

No snow needed to partake in the fun activities planned this school vacation at one of the area's many winter celebrations.

Warm up to the idea of celebrating WinterFest 2023. It is sure to offer all the fun without the frozen!

Nominees sought for Ginsburg Family Award

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Schools is seeking nominations for the 2023 annual Ginsburg Family Award to recognize an individual, a group, or a company/organization who has had a significant impact on the Tewksbury Public Schools in the area of physical, monetary, tangible contribution(s), or volunteering for the benefit of a school or the district. Ginsburg Nomination Form.

The Ginsburg Family Award is named for the

well-known charitable family, Marc & Leisa Ginsburg, and is given out to an individual or organization that is notable for their great contributions of charity and service to the schools of Tewksbury.

Past recipients include the Ginsburg family, the Tewksbury Rotary Club, the Phil French family, the Tewksbury Education Foundation, Larry & Sandy Polimeno, the Wamesit Lanes (MacLaren family), Donna's Donuts (Wilson family) and TMHS

Best Buddies.

The deadline for nominations is April 13, 2023. A brief narrative with the application is encouraged.

Nominations may be sent to Gail Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, gjohnson@teksbury.k12.ma.us or by USPS to: Tewksbury Public Schools, Ms. Gail Johnson, 139 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA 0187

Nominees sought for Krissy Polimeno Outstanding Educator Award

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Schools is seeking nominations for the 2023 annual Krissy Polimeno Outstanding Educator Award to recognize an individual who has had a significant impact on a Tewksbury school or the district.

The award will be given annually to honor an individual educator in the area of active involvement, volunteering, and giving a generous amount of time and energy to the quality of the educational system as an advocate for

students in the Tewksbury Public Schools.

Criteria includes leadership, special action and inspiration as a role model to peers and students.

The Krissy Polimeno Outstanding Educator Award is named after Krissy Polimeno and will be given out to an individual that is notable for their great contributions of charity, leadership, volunteering and service to the schools of Tewksbury. The Tewksbury School Committee presented Krissy Polimeno with the first

Outstanding Educator Award in 2019.

The deadline for nominations is April 13, 2023. A brief narrative with the application is encouraged.

Nominations may be sent to Gail Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, gjohnson@teksbury.k12.ma.us or by USPS to: Tewksbury Public Schools, Ms. Gail Johnson, 139 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876

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www.homenewshere.com OR masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Weston & Sampson on behalf of the Town of Tewksbury DPW**, for variance under Sections 5.3.1 E1 & 5.3.1E3 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for an accessory structure within front setbacks and an accessory structure exceeding 1.5 stories or 20' in height, related to the construction of a new 43,700 sq. ft. building as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **999 Whipple Road**, Assessor's Map 30, Lot 26 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

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2/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Erin Kelley** for a variance under Section 5.3.2, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for front setbacks and a Special Permit under Section 8.1.1.C to alter a previously nonconforming structure in order to construct a second floor addition, a 3'6" x 4' side deck & 5' x 7'8" front deck with hip roof as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **45 Highland Avenue** Assessor's Map 3, Lot 43 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

230102

2/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Mark & Lisa Paradis**, for variance under Section 5.3.1.E.3 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for an accessory structure within front setbacks, for a 18' round above ground pool as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1456 Whipple Road**, Assessor's Map 56, Lot 28 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

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2/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on **Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed work is being done to eliminate any potential risk along town roads in addition to

a resident request to remove a tree at 29 Birchwood Road.

The location of town trees affected include:

- (1) Pine at 29 Birchwood Road,
- (1) Oak at adjacent to 11 Parker Avenue,
- (1) Oak at 41 Pike Street,
- (1) Oak at 139 Pike Street,
- (2) Oaks at 41 Pike Street,
- (1) Oak opposite 168 Pike Street,
- (1) Oak at 188 Pike Street,
- (1) Oak at 208 Pike Street,
- (1) Pine at 260 Shawsheen Street,
- (2) Pines opposite 7 Towanda Road,
- (1) Pine at 1386 Whipple Road,
- (1) Pine at 1408 Whipple Road,
- (1) Pine at 1409 Whipple Road,
- (1) Pine at 1424 Whipple Road,
- (3) Pines at 1436 Whipple Road,
- (1) Pine at 1467 Whipple Road.

For further information regarding location, size and species of the affected trees, is available weekdays at the Department of Public Works, Town Hall and Library during normal business hours; and on the Town's website www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Kevin Hariman

Director of Public Works

230207

2/15,22/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Paul O'Keefe on behalf of Nick Leone** for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 171 Cardigan Road, Assessor's Map 80, Lot 23, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

230145

2/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2023 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Community Care Collective, Inc. on behalf of Shawsheen St LLC** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Zoning Bylaw to construct a marijuana retail establishment as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1693 Shawsheen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 23, zoned Industrial 1 and Interstate Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

230185

2/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2023 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **The Stories Company, LLC on behalf of Donuts Village, LLC** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Zoning Bylaw and Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to construct a 2,700 SF marijuana retail facility with 2,700 SF of additional commercial space as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 2122 Main Street, Assessor's Map 96, Lot 55, zoned South Village Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

230146

2/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Metro Sign & Awning on behalf of Eco Auto** for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install two wall-mounted business signs as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 623 Main Street, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 48, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

230168

2/8,15/23

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. MI98P3831GI1

In the Interests of:
Linh Nguyen
Of: **TEWKSBURY, MA**
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tewksbury Hospital in TEWKSBURY, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship

and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/07/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 08, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

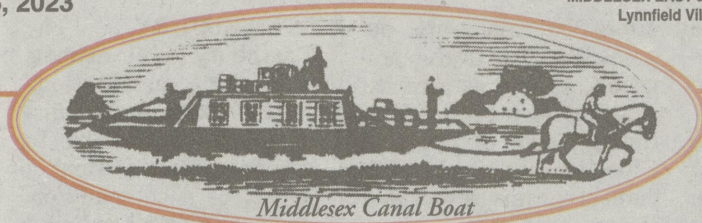
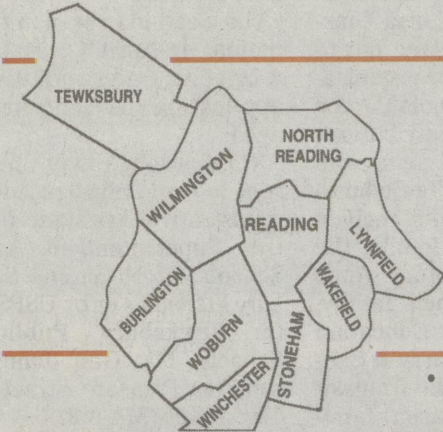
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A-8 WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 16, 2023

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Representatives Katherine Clark and Seth Moulton file funding requests...

Money secured for many local projects

By RYAN LAROCHE

While it seems members of congress sometimes struggle to pass legislation on a national or federal level, those same members oftentimes still work hard for their local constituents. Case in point: both Representative Katherine Clark and Representative Seth Moulton recently filed funding requests for local projects that would positively impact those living in Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn. President Biden signed the legislation in December delivering millions in local project funding.

These projects were chosen by Rep Clark's and Rep. Moulton's offices, working with local officials, from about 100+ applications across the fifth and sixth districts. In terms of how it works moving forward, the agency of jurisdiction will be in touch with the recipients about the process to make sure that all the boxes are checked and that funding can be allocated in a timely manner.

Rep. Clark's requests

Rep. Clark, who represents Stoneham, Winchester and Woburn, among other communities, and who is also the Democratic Whip (meaning the second most powerful person in the House of Representatives on the Democratic side), submitted funding requests for important community projects in the Fifth Massachusetts District to the House Appropriations Committee.

Three local projects include funding for Boys and Girls Club of Stoneham's child care facility project in the amount of \$3M, the Woburn Hurd Park construction project in the amount of \$2.95M and the Arlington Mystic River Path project in the amount of \$1M.

The Boys & Girls Club project is sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Stoneham & Wakefield located at

15 Dale Court in Stoneham. The funding would be used to build a child care facility and training center that would serve additional preschool children in full-day programs, expand their after-school care capacity, and would include a dedicated Early Educator Training Center.

About the project, Rep. Clark said, "Just like roads and bridges, child care is essential economic infrastructure. It enables families, businesses, and our entire economy to thrive. I'm working every day to ensure that the needs of working families are front and center in Congress and with this child care investment, we're making progress in that fight. I'm proud to have worked with my partners in Stoneham to make child care more accessible and affordable to families."

The Hurd Park construction project is sponsored by the City of Woburn and is located on Bedford Road. The project consists of the redevelopment of a former school site of approx-

imately 11.5 acres. The site contains approximately eight acres of natural stream and wetlands and approximately 3.5 acres of upland area including a former school building, parking area, and grassed areas.

The proposed redevelopment will include reestablishing the floodplain associated with Cummings Brook; restoration of existing brook and wetlands, including removal of invasive species; installation of a newly constructed wetland for water quality; installation of accessible boardwalks and walking trails through the site, demolition of the former school building; reconstruction of the existing parking area; installation of an active play area with benches; and installation of a community garden and landscaping.

About this project, Rep. Clark said, "The pandemic and recent extreme storms have laid bare the inequities facing so many in our community - from unequal access to outdoor spaces to the rising threat of dangerous

flooding. I'm thrilled to announce that I have secured nearly \$3 million to help Woburn tackle the climate crisis and ensure every family in our community has access to green space, clean water, and clean air."

The Mystic River Path project is sponsored by the Town of Arlington and is located at 730 Mass. Ave. Annex. The funding would be used to design the Mystic River Path to the Minute-man Bikeway trail, a 1.7-mile shared-use path along the Mystic River and Lower



REP. KATHERINE CLARK



REP. SETH MOULTON

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Lifestyle

Receive items you didn't order? Possible brushing scam

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
News Correspondent
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Recently, a non-profit in Tewksbury received a seemingly innocuous envelope from a major retailer containing a single pen. A week later, another envelope arrived with another pen. Odd, they thought.

Emails circulated asking if anyone placed an order. It became clear quickly that no one requested the pen and immediately the administrator checked the credit card account. Fortunately, no unauthorized charges were detected, but digging a little deeper revealed an international scam.

Known as "brushing," the United States Postal Inspection Service issued warnings about this increasingly common fraud. Envelopes or packages with low value merchandise are sent to people or institutions with return addresses from major retailers or websites such as Amazon, Home Depot, etc.

There is often a phony telephone number also on the envelope. In the prior example, a pen was sent. In other instances, plastic or foam brushes, small picture hooks, or furniture

protectors are delivered.

Receipt of this merchandise completes the scam, providing the sender with a "verified buyer" designation and the ability to write a product review in your name or the name of your organization. It is not the retailer who benefits, rather the third party who makes or sells the item through the retailer.

The Better Business Bureau explains that these third-party sellers, typically in foreign countries, send lightweight, low value items to addresses they can easily find online. They then write a stellar review of the item in your name, hoping to increase their ratings, especially since you are a "verified" buyer in receipt of the package.

This means potentially more sales for them, but sadly means other consumers will think products are better than they are. Reviews are not typically associated with the item you received, but for other items the third party is selling.

According to the USPS, any unsolicited merchandise received in the mail may be kept. However, the fact that you received this package means that your information has been compromised in some way. It

is recommended to immediately change passwords on accounts, including e-mail. While it might seem a bonus to receive free merchandise, the USPS also states that scammers can use your mailing address to ship merchandise purchased with stolen credit cards or gift cards and then steal it so that their own address is not revealed.

No matter what is sent, do not pay for the merchandise. The USPS recommends closely monitoring your credit cards and accounts, and reporting the incident to the retailer through a fraud report, and also ask to have any reviews posted under your name removed.

According to *Mass.gov*, if the contents of an unsolicited package are suspicious or cause alarm, consider contacting your local law enforcement. The United States Postal Inspection Service recommends calling the Postal Inspectors at 877-876-2455 to report suspicious or dangerous mail. Additionally, if any packages containing seeds or plants should arrive that were not ordered, immediately contact the FDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service at www.aphis.usda.gov.

OBITUARY

Raquel 'Rocky' Estela Panzino Loved to visit grandparents in Tewksbury

Raquel "Rocky" Estela Panzino, 34, passed on Monday, Jan. 23 at Thunderbird Banner Hospital after having a stroke.

Rocky's family chose to donate her organs and gave the gift of life to five people. Thunderbird Banner Hospital and the Donor Network organized an Honor Walk for her in remembrance of her generosity.

She leaves her wife, Leandra Panzino, her daughter Estela, her father Jim Panzino and wife Paula and grandmother Mary Panzino. She leaves her siblings Lynette, Oscar, Daniel, Adrian, Gianna and Sage as well as many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her mother Blanca, her great grandparents Mary and Charles Panzino and her grandfather Vincent Panzino who she affectionately called "Gringo."

Born in Phoenix, AZ June 23, 1988, Rocky spent her early years traveling to Tewksbury to spend time with her grandparents and great grandparents. She often gave her great grandfather Charles Panzino too much ice cream which angered her great grandmother Mary who was from Calabria, Italy.

She loved to visit her great Aunt Betty Ferraro of Watertown especially during the Feast of Seven Fishes. She had a loving bond with her grandfather Vincent Panzino. Their special saying was "Hey Gringo, I like your boots!" from the movie "Treasure of the Sierra Madre."

Rocky graduated from Glendale High School where she met her soulmate Leandra at choir practice. After her mother died, Rocky helped raise her brothers Oscar, Daniel and Adrian. Rocky was a fiery stub-



born presence and a loving, giving soul. She enjoyed collecting crystals, cooking, singing, dancing and most of all her daughter Estela.

The viewing was held Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. at Hansen Desert Hills Mortuary and Cemetery at 6500 East Bell Road in Scottsdale, AZ, 85254. The memorial service started at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider donating funds for Estela's and Leandra's ongoing expenses and education at <https://gofund.me/114f29a6>

Local students achieve academic honors at Malden Catholic

MALDEN — Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

Malden Catholic Honors QUARTER TWO 2022

WILMINGTON

President's List
(90 to 100 in all classes)
• Samantha Crowley
• Antonia DiZoglio
• Lily Flynn
• Amelia Foti
• Bruce Green Audette
• Casey Kelley
• Sean O'Donoghue
• Keira Rice
• Patricia Stevens
• Jaelyn Walsh

First Honors
(85 to 89 in all classes)
• Juliana Anguioni
• Adrian Babu
• Katelyn Cirame
• Lorianne Luongo
• Megan Mullarky
• Derek Perault
• Danyka Perreault

Second Honors

(80 to 84 in all classes)
• Alexia Engvaldsen
• Patrick Hounsell
• Matthew Newhouse
• Ryan Papineau
• Cole Tucker

Tewksbury

President's List
(90 to 100 in all classes)
• Aiden Balandan
• Zachary Balandan
• Anelise Lima

First Honors
(85 to 89 in all classes)
• Michael Casey

Second Honors
(80 to 84 in all classes)
• Marjorie Welton

ABOUT MALDEN CATHOLIC

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni.

Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College.

Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school.

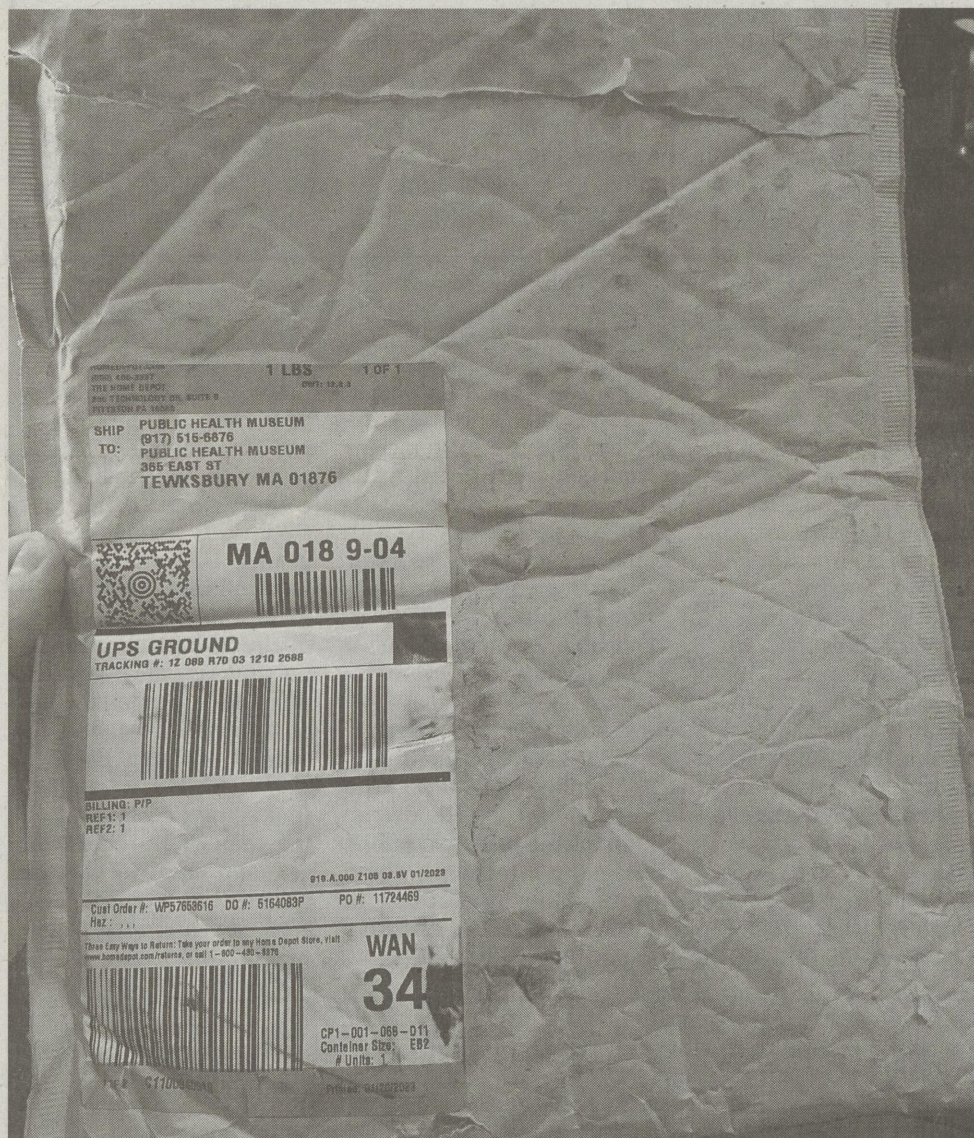
Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design.

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(Paige Impink photo)

Upcoming local events

Thursday, Feb. 16, Public Health Museum indoor & outdoor tours, 365 East St., Tewksbury, publichealthmuseum.org

Friday, Feb. 17, Library 1-on-1 Tech Help for Senior Citizens, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Tewksbury Public Library. Visit the second-floor Reference Desk to check in. Sessions will last up to 30 minutes. No Registration required. First come, first served.

Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18, Lowell Winter Fest, Music, Food, Entertainment. Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Vote for soups including Tewksbury's Wamesit Lanes lasagna soup, kids crafts, magic. Visit lowellwinterfest.com.

Saturday, Feb. 18, Maxwell's Winter Farmers Market, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 24 Maple Road, Chelmsford. Many Tewksbury market vendors are at this event such as Pierogi, Purple Carrot, Seafood Express and more.

Saturday, Feb. 18, Public Health Museum outdoor tours, 365 East St., Tewksbury, publichealthmuseum.org

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9:20 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friends of the Library Book Donation event. Books will be reviewed for donation. Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 7:15 p.m., Tewksbury Interfaith Choir rehearsals at Tewksbury Congregational Church. Open to all! For more information call Barbara at 978-726-6545.

Sunday, Feb. 19, Westford Museum Free, 1 - 3 p.m., 4 Boston Road

Tuesday, Feb. 21, Library 1-on-1 Tech Help for Senior Citizens, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Tewksbury Public Library. Visit the second-floor Reference Desk to check in. Sessions will last up to 30 minutes. No registration required. First come, first served.

Thursday, Feb. 23, School vacation indoor and out-

door tours, Public Health Museum, publichealthmuseum.org

Thursday, Feb. 23, Screening Wakanda Forever, TMHS McGrath Auditorium, free, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 13, TDTC Local Candidate Meet and Greet, 6:30 - 9 p.m., Luna Rossa, Shawsheen Street, Tewksbury.

Every Monday night, 7 p.m., Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall 142 Middlesex Ave. \$5 cribbage entry fee. All skill levels are welcome. Open to the general public (21 and up). Cash bar available.

Saturday and Sundays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., National Street Car Museum, 25 Shattuck St., Lowell

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Wilmington Town Museum, Harneden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m., Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St, North Biller-

ica, middlesexcanal.org

Tuesdays - Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday by appointment, closed Sunday and Monday. Lawrence History Center, 6 Essex St., Lawrence Lawrencehistory.org

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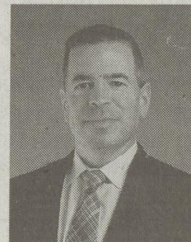
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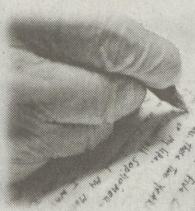
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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Scam attempt reported

Good afternoon everyone, Please be aware that someone is sending emails that appear as they are from resident Jane Hill requesting the purchase of gift cards. Please do not fall for this scam. Please do not reply to these emails. This is not Jane and these emails

should be ignored, blocked or deleted. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

The Town of Wilmington IT Department in coordination with the WPD and Elderly Services

Issues continue to plague Tewksbury School Com.

Letter to the editor, In what has become the new normal, the Tewksbury school system is a hot bed of controversy. The most recent case has a teacher as the mandated reporter he's expected to be, being cyber bullied by two School Committee members.

The teacher in question had concerns about a "tradition" on a sports team and followed the process of stating his concern to administration. This was followed by a School Committee member taking to social media to express his disappointment about the teacher coming forward.

A second School Committee member joined in and the race was on, with their Facebook friends joining the frenzy. The teacher expressed concern that he thought something like this could happen, which is sad.

This blatant unprofessionalism is not uncommon. The School Committee member has a long history of unprofessional behavior and has yet to be held accountable. The second School Committee member gave a "non apology," which seemed to suffice?

What really is disturbing is the reaction of the School Committee itself. The superintendent gave a "CYA" response which included the old standby statement — "our most important concern is the safety of the children."

But if that is the administration's primary concern, why are they not dealing with "the bully in the room?" My thoughts leave two options: apathy or collaboration. Upon further thought, there is a third option; they're scared.

Scared of the same School Committee member who has been the loudest, most forceful member for the last several years. The Tewksbury Teachers Association asked for an apology, which has not come, but I believe the SC member in question must be forced to resign.

"Doing the right thing isn't always popular, but it's always right."

The teacher did the right thing and was punished? Make no mistake, there's bullying in Tewksbury, and it starts at the top.

Thank you, Al Mancini

McGrath, Ryan named to Dean's List at Fairfield Univ

FAIRFIELD, CT. — The following Fairfield University students received Deans List Honors for the Fall 2022 semester.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have

no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

- WILMINGTON**
- Aidan E. McGrath
 - Emma S. Ryan

TMHS Theatre Company looking for music donors

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury High School Theatre Company is looking for 88 music lovers to sponsor a piano key for \$10 (or more) to help hire professional musicians to accompany the spring musical, "Beauty and The Beast."

The orchestra will be the biggest single expense this spring and a donation of any amount is greatly ap-

preciated. "Key player" donors will be recognized in the spring program booklet.

Donations via check may be made out to "THMSTC" and mailed to Tewksbury High School c/o Tewksbury Drama Department, 320 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 or via Venmo @Jeannette-Waugh. Thank you!

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Healey-Driscoll Administration announces 2023 municipal cybersecurity grant program awards

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the 2023 Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program award recipients. Administered by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security and its Office of Municipal and School Technology, this program will provide over 50,000 employees from 177 municipalities including Wilmington and Tewksbury and public school districts across the Commonwealth with critical cybersecurity training to better detect and avoid cyber threats.

The 2023 Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program, which is funded by \$250,000 in capital IT authorizations from the 2022 General Governmental Bond Bill, is designed to support local government efforts to improve overall cybersecurity posture through comprehensive online end-user training, evaluation and threat simulation. Awarded communities will receive licenses for end-user training, assessment and phishing simulation procured by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security. Demonstrated buy-in from the Chief Executive in the community is a requirement of all program participants. "Our administration is

committed to providing communities across Massachusetts with the resources they need to defend their technology against potential cyber threats," said Governor Maura Healey. "We are thrilled to see municipal leaders from across the Commonwealth prioritize cybersecurity by providing this vital training to their employees. Our administration will continue to advocate for resources to further support our partners in municipal government to meet the needs of the constituents they serve."

"Building good cybersecurity habits doesn't require a technical background and is important for all employees in the digital era," said Lt. Governor Kimberley Driscoll. "The Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program is an important resource for the Commonwealth's municipalities, is provided at no cost, and is crafted to fit into the hectic and busy schedules that municipal officials, teachers, and administrative staff have."

"This grant program is a critical component to ensuring that our local government technology is resilient, secure, and remains accessible to the constituents we serve," said Secretary of Technology Services and Security

Jason Snyder. "Municipal officials from across the Commonwealth are demonstrating their leadership on cybersecurity by participating in this important program and I thank them for their partnership in this initiative."

Program participants begin their training with an initial cyber strength assessment to measure baseline cybersecurity awareness. Following the assessments, periodic assessments consisting of training modules and simulated phishing email campaigns help participants build good cyber hygiene habits to increase their awareness of deceptive techniques used by bad actors to gain unauthorized access to government systems. At the end of the program, participants complete a final cyber strength assessment to measure their progress.

The Commonwealth offers the training program free of cost to organizations, who are further supported with quarterly threat briefings and weekly newsletters with cybersecurity best practices and program updates provided by the Office of Municipal and School Technology. Municipal information technology officials also receive a monthly summary progress reports that

detail the number of employees that inadvertently clicked on malicious links contained in the simulated phishing emails, offering important visibility on the threat landscape.

In addition to the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program, The Healey-Driscoll Administration offers a number of other programs to further support municipal officials in their cybersecurity and information technology modernization efforts, including the Free Cybersecurity Health Check Program, the Community Compact IT Grant Program, and the Municipal Fiber Grant Program.

Municipal leaders are receiving additional support in their efforts to strengthen the cybersecurity posture of their respective organizations with the arrival of the first of its kind State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. Included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed by Congress in 2021, the \$1 billion grant program will provide much needed funding to states to enhance municipal cybersecurity capabilities to defend against the increasing threat of cyber attacks that attempt to disrupt critical government service operations.

Local students named to Dean's List at URI

KINGSTON, RI — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2022 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

They include:

- WILMINGTON**
- Jason Berube
 - Courtney Cummings
 - Nicholas DiNatale
 - Tess O'Connell
 - Olivia Rogers

- Katie Stone
- Owen Surette
- Zachary Weinstein

- TEWKSBURY**
- Connor Brincklow
 - Nico Casamassima
 - Tyler Demers
 - Katie Famiglietti
 - Lexi Palmisano
 - Ari Perron
 - Raia Price
 - Izzy Schmidt
 - Jack Stadtman
 - Kaitlyn Staskyvicz
 - Sara Staskyvicz
 - Jenna Wentworth

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed

12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

About the University of Rhode Island

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Three students named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER, NH — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 471 students representing 21 states and 6

countries received this honor.

- TEWKSBURY**
- Diego Carneiro-Monteiro, 2024, mathematics & secondary education double
 - Kathryn Monahan, 2023, politics & psychology double

- WILMINGTON**
- Vincent Callahan, 2026, history

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college

providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition.

Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

Book Stew Review 'The Black Friend' by Frederick Joseph

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Need a guidebook for helping your white family members figure out how to establish good relationships with Black people, and maybe even how to become an accomplice who takes action rather than an ally who apologies for other white people after the harm has been done?

This is IT. There's so much useful information here, in the form of personal stories and of commentary by 14 Black thought leaders and creatives. Subjects covered: the necessity

of SEEING race, not denying it; recognizing racism, not ignoring it; the righteousness of affirmative action; "for us, by us"; what's in a name and in a hairstyle; and the never-ending "no, you can't use that word."

Told with humor and grace, and despite Ron DeSantis, this book should be in EVERY school and public library.

Quotes: "To have someone judge you by getting to know you is a powerful and life-changing thing when you've never been treated that way."

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WHO'S THERE? From left, Dave Bautista, Abby Quinn, and Nikki Amuka-Bird appear in a scene from M. Night Shyamalan's "Knock at the Cabin" from Universal Pictures. The tale, adapted from Paul G. Tremblay's 2018 novel "The Cabin at the End of the World" with a notable tweak to the ending, cleverly inverts the home invasion thriller. (Universal Pictures via AP)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Knock at the Cabin' twists the home invasion horror

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Knock. Knock.

It being mid-winter (typically a doldrums in movie theaters), it's a cozy relief to be able to throw open the door and find M. Night Shyamalan standing there with his near-annual helping of high-concept thriller. His last one, "Old," about vacationers trapped on a private beach where aging is accelerated — a kind of high-speed "White Lotus" — fittingly arrived in the summer. But this quieter, gloomier time of year seems perfectly designed for Shyamalan to burst in with his signature brand of big-screen bonkers and some new twists to the age-old question of "Who's there?"

"Knock at the Cabin," which opens in theaters Friday, is at once like every previous Shyamalan film and a thrilling departure. Gimmicky set-up? Check. Queasy spiritualism? You bet. But as a self-contained, handsomely staged thriller — after the knocking, the film takes place almost entirely within a remote cabin — Shyamalan's latest finds the filmmaker working in an appealingly straightforward and stripped-down fashion.

We have our cabin, our small cast of characters and, above all, our preposterous premise. Though Shyamalan's films often flirt with higher powers and existential conundrums, nothing reigns in his movie universe more than The

Concept. And in the gripping "Knock at the Cabin," he carefully teases it, exploits it and dutifully follows it to its ultimate conclusion with the command of a seasoned professional.

Just outside a cabin in a wooded forest, 7-year-old Gwen (Kristen Cui) is collecting grasshoppers in a glass jar. "I'm just going to learn about you for a while," she tells one as she slides it into the jar. Shyamalan, too, is gathering specimens into a hermetically sealed vessel for inquiry. One calmly walks right out of the woods.

REVIEW TO A-12

PROJECTS FROM A-8

Mystic Lake in Arlington. This project will link the northern end of the Alewife Brook Greenway to the Minuteman Bikeway in Arlington Center and improve safety and access for people walking and biking by adding a 12-foot-wide path along the waterways and redesigning the rotaries at major intersections.

Rep. Moulton's requests

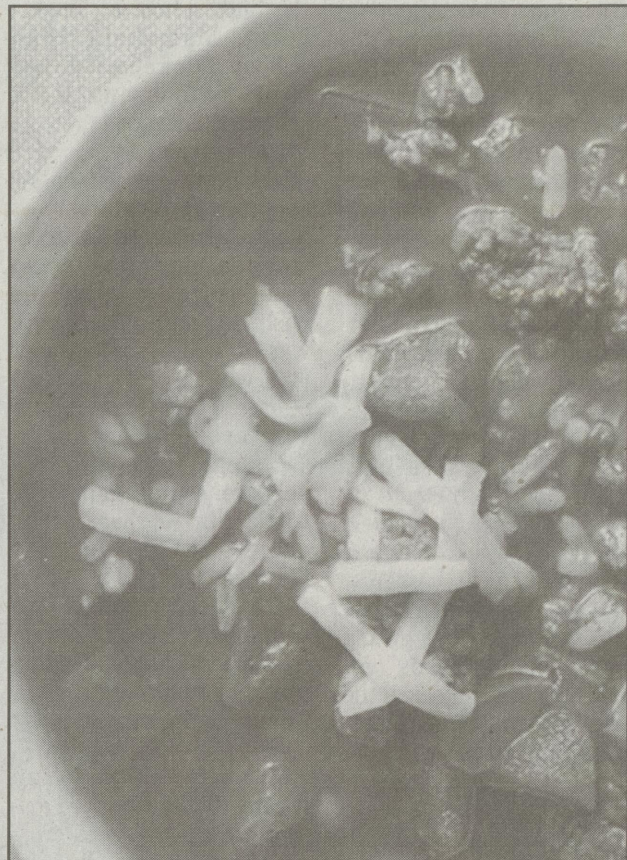
Rep. Moulton, who represents Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Wakefield, and Wilmington, among other communities, submitted funding requests for important projects in the Sixth Massachusetts District to the House Appropriations Committee.

"I'm thrilled to have secured nearly \$17 million in funding for the Sixth District in the FY23 spending package," Rep. Moulton said. "Community improvement projects allow cities, towns, and organizations across the North Shore to request funds for the projects that will have a direct positive im-

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

Ingredients

- 2 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
- 2 green bell peppers, diced (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 small onion, diced
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
- 1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 carton (32 oz) Progresso™ beef-flavored broth
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 4 cups cooked rice
- Shredded cheese, if desired



FAN FAVORITE - If you're a fan of fabulous Stuffed Peppers, this hearty stuffed pepper soup is for you! Made with ground beef, green bell peppers, and diced tomatoes, this comforting recipe simmers all day in the slow cooker, so it's ready for dinner when you get home.

STEPS

1. In Spray 6-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In 12-inch skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Place beef in slow cooker.
2. Stir in all remaining ingredients except rice and cheese.
3. Cover; cook on Low



heat setting 7 to 8 hours.

4. When about 30 minutes are left in cooking time, gently stir in cooked rice. Cover; cook about 30 minutes longer.
5. Serve soup topped with cheese.

EXPERT TIPS

Serve this soup with a side of crusty bread for a more filling meal.

Got leftovers? Pack them up for lunch the next day, or serve a little over your morning eggs and toast.

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The work involves the provision of labor, materials, vehicles, equipment, and services in connection with the inspection, testing, maintenance and repair of five (5) transformers located at RMLD's Substation 4 in the Town of Reading, MA, and one transformer (1) located at RMLD's Substation 5 in the Town of Wilmington, MA. Substation 4 consists of three (3) 115Kv/13.8Kv 60 MVA Waukesha transformers and two (2) 115Kv/34.5Kv 35 MVA McGraw Edison transformers. The transformer at Substation 5 is a 4.5Kv/13.8Kv 35 MVA McGraw Edison transformer. Each transformer needs complete electrical testing and maintenance as described in the specifications. Repairs and replacements will be performed on an as-needed basis based on the inspection and testing results, subject to RMLD's approval.

The work is subject to prevailing wage laws. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26 -27D inclusive.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at RMLD, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867, followed by a site visit to both substations. Attendance is optional. All attendees are required to wear hard hats, safety glasses and safety boots at the site visit.

Bids must be submitted in duplicate in a sealed envelope marked, "SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER TESTING AND REPAIRS, IFB 2023-11." All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash, a bid bond, or a certified check on, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company payable to the "Reading Municipal Light Department" in the amount of five (5) percent of the lump sum bid price. The bid deposit must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope, marked "Bid Deposit."

RMLD will receive sealed bids until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867, ATTN: Purchasing Department, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline or without the required bid deposit will not be accepted. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of ninety (90) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the date of opening bids.

Bid documents may be obtained by emailing Paula O'Leary, Materials Manager, at poleary@rml.com. For questions or further information, please contact Paula O'Leary at 781-942-6440 or by email.

RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive minor irregularities and informalities, and to take such action as it deems to be in the public interest.

No award shall be final until RMLD executes an agreement signed by a duly authorized representative.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Possible disturbance during hockey game at Breakaway

Monday, February 6

3:39 p.m. - A 911 caller requested to speak with an officer at Webcomputing on Pinnacle Street. He reported a male party from the group home came on his property. When he told them to leave, the male spit in the caller's face. Police sent and filed a report.

Tuesday, February 7

6:15 p.m. - Wilmington Police reported that a motor vehicle was driving erratically in a road rage incident in their town at Wilmington line at Main Street heading north on Route 38. Operator passed a vehicle over double yellow lines and was swearing at passerby. Wilmington was not requesting anything, just giving Tewksbury a heads up. Police sent and checked the area, but gone on arrival.

8:33 p.m. - Caller reported the traffic lights were malfunctioning at North Street and International Place in front of Raytheon. Police reported they have been flashing since the start of the shift. DPW notified via radio. They reported they would check it out.

Wednesday, February 8

2:38 a.m. - Police conducted a building check when he discovered an unoccupied vehicle behind the high school at Tewksbury Memorial High School. The reported they would be follow up in the morning.

2:49 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a customer at Shell Gas Station got frustrated at employee for an issue going on with the cash register. The party was a white male about 6'2" with a green sweatshirt. He left about 10 minutes ago heading toward Wilmington in a white Jeep renegade. Employee would like to speak to an officer. Police sent, but they were unable to locate the vehicle involved. No crime committed; rather, it was a misunderstanding over payment for an item. Police filed a report.

12:33 p.m. - Call for an erratic driver reported driving very slowly was crossing the yellow line at Tewksbury Public Library. Police sent. Party was spoken to and everything checked out.

1:33 p.m. - Call from Yorkshire Drive for dirt bike that drove through the area. Police checked the area and the dirt bike fled

prior to contact being made.

3:33 p.m. - Party at Breakaway Ice Center reported a past disturbance during a hockey game that occurred yesterday evening. Police sent and filed a report.

6:23 p.m. - Caller reported a male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt walking in the roadway at East Street and Yorkshire. Police sent. They reported the male checked out. They provided a courtesy transportation of one male to Main Street.

8:36 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle drove erratically in Pushcart Cafe parking lot. Police sent and reported all vehicles have left the area.

9:12 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious white SUV parked at Pleasant Street. Police sent and reported the van was news media.

Thursday, February 9

10:57 a.m. - Caller reported a party has been stealing tools from a room that's being renovated at Fairfield Inn. Police sent and filed a report.

6:52 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle has been parked

in the Foster Place Apartments for over an hour. Police sent. RO didn't realize he left it open. It appeared to be an oversight.

Friday, February 10

1:56 a.m. - Police off with unoccupied vehicle at Walgreens. Police sent. Units searched the area, but nobody was around.

3:16 a.m. - Police officer reported he was off with an unoccupied vehicle at the trailhead just before Maple Street and observed what appeared to be a fire in the woods and an individual with a flashlight in the woods. Police sent and the fire was out. Fire was put out and parties were moving.

11:24 a.m. - Caller at Main Street Commons reported his tires were slashed. Police sent and officer filed a report.

3:14 p.m. - Resident reported suspicious male in the area at Whipple Road. Hispanic male wearing black clothes and a white baseball hat. Police checked the area and spoke with the caller. They reported possible solicitor.

6:30 p.m. - A 911 caller stated there was a woman

in a dark brown SUV who appeared to be slumped over her steering wheel at Main Street. The police checked the area, but nothing shown. Wilmington was notified.

6:45 p.m. - Female caller reported a group of approximately 10 teenagers walked down Birchwood Road heading to the back of the Country Club. Police sent. They confirmed just a group of boys walking home after playing basketball.

Saturday, February 11

3:34 a.m. - Police out at Lincoln Road and Van Buren Road for suspicious activity. They reported party was just delivering papers.

3:02 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party possibly intoxicated trying to ride a bike at One Street. Police sent. A second caller reported someone stopped to assist him putting his bike in the trunk. Ambulance requested for alcohol. One was transported to Saints Hospital. Police filed a report.

6:49 p.m. - Call from Billerica Police Department reported a white male with gray sweatshirt walking on North Billerica Road near Meadowlands Ice Cream. He was stumbling in and out of traffic. Police sent. They found the gentleman in Billerica.

8:12 p.m. - Caller reported being a victim of "mailbox baseball" cars at Mohawk Drive. Police sent. They reported searching of the area and ring camera, all negative. They filed a report.

Sunday, February 12

2:22 p.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter leaving Market Basket North with a red basket out the emergency exit. Caller reported the male subject got into a vehicle operated by a female who allegedly shoplifted from that location today. Police sent. The manager was unable to identify if anything was stolen, but he went out from the emergency exit and was suspicious.

3:14 p.m. - Caller stated party had DMV in front of River Road and Bailey Road. He stated three plates on the car. Police sent and the car took off on Andover Street heading toward Lowell. They checked the area, but gone on arrival.

10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a male unknown to her knocked on her door at Sandpiper Lane. Caller requested to speak to an officer. Police sent and reported he reviewed the ring camera footage and the male appeared to be a food delivery driver at the wrong address.



Wilmington Police Log

Man issued summons after allegedly flashing knife

Friday, February 3:

11:07 a.m.: The Animal Control officer was called to Wedgewood Road and spoke to a resident about letting their dogs go onto other people's property during walks.

4:42 p.m.: A caller on Deming Way Extension reported that there was a physical altercation between two residents. Police spoke to one involved party and checked the area for the other party's green 2012 Subaru Forester, but were unable to locate it.

7:06 p.m.: It was reported by a caller that the railroad gates on Salem Street were in a down position. Keolis and transit police were notified and arrived on scene to fix the problem. Keolis stayed on after the gates went back up to monitor the situation.

Saturday, February 4:

9:04 a.m.: A resident on Salem Street reported that the nearby railroad gates had not activated and come down when a train passed through at approximately 8:30 a.m. Keolis was notified, and stated that they were aware of a problem in the area and were working on it.

1:24 p.m.: A caller on Avalon Drive reported that vandalism damage had been done to a rental vehicle gray 2020 Jeep Compass at some point over-

night. Police inspected the vehicle and found front end damage and some scratches.

10:20 p.m.: Frank B. Chen of 622 Salem St. in North Andover was arrested for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a License Revoked for Habitual Traffic Offender Status, Failure to Stop or Yield, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and Warrant All Others. This followed a stop of the party's blue 2019 Toyota Sienna on Route 125 Highway. The party was later bailed.

Sunday, February 5:

4:03 a.m.: A caller on Chandler Road reported that something sounded like it was going to burst in their home. The fire department was called in as a water break occurred inside the home, causing the main to be shut off. The homeowner promised to call a plumber that day.

11 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred between a white 2019 Hino 195 Stop & Shop truck and a telephone pole on Marion Street. A cable wire was disconnected and downed as a result, although no damage occurred to the vehicle or pole. Police removed the wire from the roadway and notified Verizon of the incident.

3:06 p.m.: A caller on Lake Street reported that someone was relieving themselves on their property. A police report was

filed.

Monday, February 6:

11:58 a.m.: Turkeys were reported on the road on Main Street. When police arrived, the animals had left the scene.

3:23 p.m.: A passerby on Grove Street reported that three young children were playing on the ice nearby. When an officer arrived and spoke to the children, they found that they were from Lowell Music Studio and sent them back inside.

Tuesday, February 7:

9:21 a.m.: A caller at the I-93 ramp to Route 62 Highway reported that there was wet cement or gravel

in the road. Benevento's was notified alongside Mass Highway and the Water Department. A first clean up picked up most of the problem, with a sweeper to finish the rest as traffic was cleared.

12 p.m.: The general manager of a business on Fordham Road reported that some patrons the previous night had been belligerent and flashed a knife. The manager requested a report and trespass notice from the police. A summons was then issued to the involved party for malicious damage and assault with a dangerous weapon.

5:17 p.m.: A resident on Congress Street reported that their dog had been

struck by a speeding vehicle in front of their home, resulting in the animal being taken to an emergency vet. The party reported that speeding vehicles were common in the area and requested more patrols to deal with the problem.

Wednesday, February 8:

8:20 a.m.: A caller on Roosevelt Road reported that a possibly sick skunk was running around in circles nearby. The animal was removed from the area.

11:31 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at Main Street between a blue 2014 Subaru Outback and a blue 2011 Ford F-150. Airbags were activated and the fire department responded as one operator was issued a verbal warning for an expired license.

10:27 p.m.: A caller on Horseshoe Lane reported

that someone was attempting to gain access to their apartment from a patio slider door, with the caller eventually leaving for the lobby. Police arrived on scene and discovered that the incident had occurred as a drunken neighbor accidentally attempted to enter the wrong apartment.

Thursday, February 9:

8:07 a.m.: A catalytic converter was reported as stolen from a white 2020 Isuzu Box Truck on Jewel Dr. sometime overnight. Police filed a report.

11:30 a.m.: A caller on Westdale Avenue reported that four women were going door to door in the neighborhood and requested that their suspicious behavior be checked on. Police did so and found that the women were from the Kingdom Hall in Wilmington and were attempting to spread their faith.

Strongwater Farm announces 2023 Making a Difference Award recipient as Mayor Chau of Lowell

TEWKSBURY

Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center aspires to make a difference: one moment at a time; one day at a time; one person at a time, through our core values of integrity, compassion, healing, and safety. Each year they honor a member of the community who exemplifies these principles through leadership, innovation, and a willingness to give back to the community.

This year, Strongwater Farm is pleased to honor the Honorable Mayor Sokhary Chau, of Lowell. His outstanding commitment to the community, inspiring the next generation to pursue their own dreams by empowering old and young alike, to make a difference in their future.

Chau unites communities making sure city services are available to all residents and lifting up the aspirations of the city's youth and immigrant populations. He is a true "Mayor of the People" and an accomplished leader for all the residents of Lowell.

Chau's mother and seven siblings emigrated to the United States in 1981 to escape the Cambodian Genocide, settling in Lowell in 1986. Like many traumatized Khmer families, Chau's father was



executed due to his military service.

While in Lowell, Chau's life experiences were uplifting and forward looking based on hard work and self-determination. These traits served him well as he focused on his education, winning scholastic admission to Phillips Academy in Andover, and later to Macalester College.

After graduation, Chau returned home to Lowell, raised a family, started his own business, and continued to support his community through civic engagement and public office.

When told of Strongwater Farm's Making a Difference award, Chau said, "I am truly honored and humbled to be recognized by Strongwater Farm. Serving as the first Cambodian American Mayor of Lowell is, in itself, the most rewarding journey of my life."

In making this announcement, Martha Gaff-

ney, President of the Strongwater Farm Board of Directors stated: "At Strongwater Farm, we encourage our diverse community to take on the challenges that they face daily, and with each new day continue to create their own pathway. Sokhary Chau's own path and his commitment to helping the community of Lowell create their own pathway to success, is a shared value. This shared devotion to help others value their own unique pathway, is truly inspiring. It is with great distinction that we celebrate this year's Making a Difference awardee, Sokhary Chau."

"Mayor Chau is an inspiring leader working tirelessly in a traditional Gateway City," said Kevin Coughlin, former Lanam Club President. "He creates positive change and brings diverse groups forward to unify and improve together."

Strongwater Farm is hosting their annual Garden Party Reception outside at the Lanam Club in Andover on April 29, 2023. The Garden Party will begin at 3 p.m. with cocktails, small bites with a modern twist, and mouthwatering desserts. Guests will be entertained with live jazz music on the patio by Strongwater Farm's

own Leadership Council Chair Peter Rodrigues.

This event is invitation only. To request an invitation or find out more about how you can donate to Strongwater Farm, please contact event organizer, Lauren Hajjar at events@strongwaterfarm.org.

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Wilmington PAC hosts first staff appreciation luncheon

WILMINGTON — Wilmington High School PAC hosted their first Staff Appreciation Luncheon on the early release, Teacher In Service Day, on a recent Wednesday. The newly formed PAC conducted surveys earlier in the school year to gather information from the WHS staff and students asking what events they would like to see and what makes them feel appreciated.

The PAC then challenged the students to give a teacher shout out to the teacher they most admire.

Wednesday's luncheon was provided by AJ's Kitchen and the event featured raffle prizes and a presentation by the Student Council. Student leaders, Madison Benoit, Neda Stoeva and Maria Cummings, read aloud 32 "Shout Outs" from fellow students.

A few shout outs included: "I'm shouting out Madame Veliz, for being super flexible and helping me make my ideas come

to life. She's never said no to an idea I've had, and has always done her best to make it happen. Thank you so much!" and "Ms. McGown, such a calm and amazing teacher. She talks to us like people and not just a student. We have fun and laugh all the time."

"Mrs. Tucker has been a person I know I can go to if I have any problems or need support in the school."

The shout outs were anonymous allowing the students to share their true feelings about their experience at Wilmington High School.

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon was well received by the staff with many thanks shared between staff and the parent volunteers. The PAC is working to organize a student event in the spring to bring the Wilmington High School community together as one!! Donations and support for the spring event are welcome!

About the Wilmington High School PAC
The Parent Advisory Council was formed in Fall of 2022 to bring back parental support to Wilmington High School. The PAC's mission is to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement, and to improve the environment at Wilmington High School through volunteer and financial support.

Information about PAC events, fundraising and opportunities to volunteer will be included in the principal's weekly update, as well as on the WHS PAC Facebook page - WHS Parents Advisory Council (Wilmington, MA).

Those interested in becoming involved may email WHSPAC01887@gmail.com

The WHS PAC board: co-presidents Stephanie Almeida and Megan Howie, vice president Kerri Rosa and secretary Rachel O'Reilly



▲ PAC volunteers (front row, from left): AnnMarie McCarthy, Kerri Ann Rosa, Stephanie Almeida, principal Ryan Gendron (standing), (back row, from left) Carly Langone, Tami McElligott, and Rachel O'Reilly (courtesy photo)

Board appreciates Eagle Scout projects honoring veterans

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efforts and to be part of the process to allow these types of projects. He added that the project was a testament to the kind of person Carriere is.

Gary DePalma commended Carriere's enthusiasm. Lilia Maselli said she was thrilled to see these kinds of projects honoring the town's veterans. Town Manager Jeff Hull told Carriere that this project was a stepping stone to bigger and better things in the future.

4th of July Committee Chairman Patrick Giroux came before the board regarding a request to use the Swain Green and municipal parking lot for the annual 4th of July festivities from June 29 to July 2 or 3 in case of rain. He shared highlights from last year including Wilmington Police raising \$3,000 for kids with cancer, community groups raising \$40,000, the second night of fireworks, the antique car show, and a community cookout.

This year, they hoped to continue everything new from last year while also enhancing their music program and family day programming and adding a community blood drive. The board approved the request and said they were

looking forward to it.

Hull sent the board communications that night concerning the Town Meeting warrant and articles. He first explained that he needed direction about writing the warrant articles pursuant to the amount of money to be appropriated. They'd previously just written "a sum of money" and let the motion contain the amount to be allocated. The board agreed with returning to this system.

The warrant articles by petition he described involved purchasing town-owned land, petitioning state legislature for employment consideration as a firefighter, naming town land, appropriating \$1.5 million for the Wildwood programs temporary relocation, and amending the town by-law.

O'Connell noted that the town manager already agreed to reinstate the proposed \$1.1 million for the Wildwood programs relocation, which in her opinion made the relevant warrant articles unnecessary. She stated that she'd be voting against them. Hull confirmed that they would have a new cost estimate less than \$1 million for another article, on the warrant.

Hull reported on the expenditure of ARPA funds

and the balance of \$7,000 to be reallocated. His last memo regarded the awarding of a \$300,000 grant for public health excellence to provide assistance to the Board of Health programs.

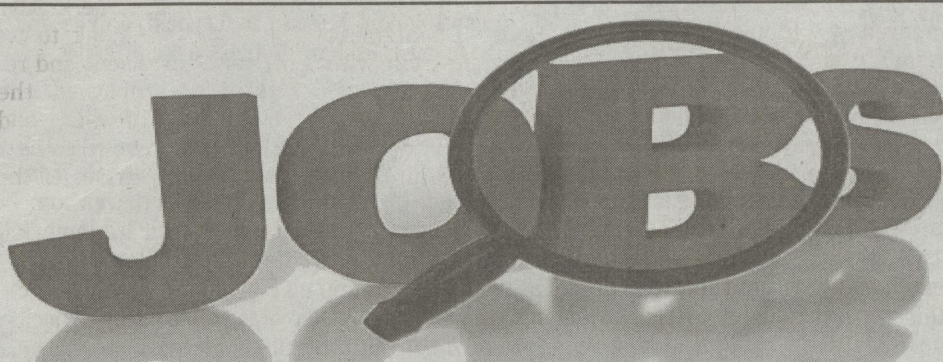
The only other memo came from Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich, forwarding the Planning Board's recommendation not to accept Green Meadow Drive since their long-standing practice was to 12-18 months after final paving.

They approved all of the requests to use town space: holding a polar plunge at the Town Beach on March 25; a high school jazz band concert on May 18 and an elementary string orchestra concert on May 30 on the town common; a car wash on the municipal parking lot on May 21; and a blood drive on the municipal parking lot on March 25.

They also appointed Gary DePalma to serve on both the WPS Strategic Plan Development Committee and the Tax Increment Financing Committee.

The Salute to Service to end the meeting went to Francis P. Agresti, who served in the US Marine Corps during World War II.

The next Select Board meeting will be on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.



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129 Cambridge St #3 was sold to Meng, Fan and Zhou, Xue by Medina, Sarah K and Medina, Juan C for \$749,000 on 01/24/23

23 Cresthaven Dr was sold to Singh, Suprabh by Maher Anne C Est and Maher, Robert M for \$549,900 on 01/27/23

7 Rocky Hill Rd was sold to Rolli, Dalton J and Oneill, Emily by Leahy, Janice M for \$685,000 on 01/26/23

9 Woodhill Rd was sold to Sullivan, Kyle E and Sullivan, Cristin D by 9 Woodhill Rd Nt RET and Gochis, Thomas for \$670,000 on 01/25/23

LYNNFIELD

128 Locksley Rd was sold to Fonseca Jr, Leo M and Fonseca, Erin S by Corvino Jr, Francis R and Corvino, Carol A for \$1,399,000 on 01/27/23

15 Ramsdell Way #22 was sold to Buckley, Kyle and Kaur, Manpreet by Karaman, Ulkiye and Karaman, Yavuz N for \$915,000 on 01/26/23

NORTH READING

63 Central St #109 was sold to Mitrano, Nancy by Unit 109 Ctrl Pl Condo R and Copelas, Lynne M for \$236,900 on 01/25/23

READING

9 Abigail Way #1002 was sold to Bartolo, Monique O by Miola Rita M Est and Vettese, Denise for \$427,500 on 01/24/23

4 Robin Rd was sold to Wiseman, Michael P and Wiseman, Kathryn A by Bosbach Jessie L Est and Leqvitt, Beverly R for \$630,000 on 01/26/23

42 Willow St was sold to Wen, Yanan H and Wen, Iris by Phillips, Gary D and Phillips, Linda M for \$850,000 on 01/24/23

STONEHAM

31 Bear Hill Rd was sold to Vinciguerra, Marissa by Sorensen Raymond L Est and Strykowski, Marcia S for \$660,000 on 01/24/23
20 Forest St was sold to Rosales, Oscar S by Agostinelli M R Est and Tramontozzi, John N for \$550,000 on 01/25/23

1163 Franklin St was sold to Terry, Christian A and Day, Thulani J by Bowerman, William E and Bowerman, Youlia A for \$639,000 on 01/23/23

140 Marble St was sold to Kanta, Ava N and Tan, Chatchai by Mattatall, Paul F and Mattatall, Beverly T for \$479,000 on 01/23/23

34 West St was sold to Rabelo, Andrew Q and Rabelo, Jillian B by Mendes, Ruan and Mendes, Juliana R for \$795,000 on 01/23/23

TEWKSBURY

22 Bellevue Rd was sold to Rhino Commerce Way Owner by Atlantic-Dracut Rlty LLC for \$2,400,000 on 01/26/23

20 Brook St was sold to Oliveira, Richard F and Oliveira, Bridget by Lewicki, Daniel and Lewicki, Janice for \$461,500 on 01/27/23

30 Commerce Way was sold to Rhino Commerce Way Owner by Atlantic-Dracut Rlty LLC for \$2,400,000 on 01/26/23

264 East St was sold to Crovo, Michael by Lambert Ft and Lambert, Ronald T for \$790,000 on 01/23/23

40 Longmeadow Rd was sold to S & R Rt and Stanichuk, Ricky C by Zaroulis Charles J Est and Zaroulis, Andrew J for \$200,000 on 01/23/23

40 Longmeadow Rd #A was sold to Gen 4 Builders LLC by S & R Rt and Stanichuk, Ricky C for \$250,000 on 01/26/23

2087 Main St was sold to K & M Amusement Ctr LLC by Lbm LLC for \$2,150,000 on 01/26/23

01/26/23

74 N Billerica Rd was sold to Ambrose, Kevin W and Campbell, Laura A by Caddell Rt and Parr, Leanne for \$640,000 on 01/23/23
630 South St was sold to Bonugli, Jay and Bonugli, Denise by Bonugli Ft and Bonugli, Stephen A for \$400,000 on 01/26/23

35 Tanglewood Ave was sold to Hirtle, James and Bonds, Tatianna by Freitag, Wayne and Freitag, Vicki L for \$635,000 on 01/27/23

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REVIEW FROM B-2

A hulking, bespectacled man (Dave Bautista) strides up to Gwen, politely introduces himself as Leonard and makes kindly chit chat while occasionally glancing back over his shoulder. Then he says the reason he's there makes him heartbroken. He describes it as "maybe the most important job in the history of the world."

Before you exclaim "Podiatry!" Leonard's job turns out to be a tad more sinister. He and three others, who soon also emerge from the forest, are there, as Leonard patiently lays out, to give Gwen's parents a choice that will dictate the fate of the world. After forcing their way into the cabin, Leonard — flanked by Sabrina (Nikki Amuka-Bird), Redmond (Rupert Grint) and Adriane (Abby Quinn)

— informs Gwen's two dads, Eric (Jonathan Groff) and Andrew (Ben Aldridge) — that they must make a sacrifice to stave off global apocalypse. Each has come to the cabin after all-consuming visions — like warped versions of those that preoccupy the characters in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — of the doom that awaits if the family in this random cabin doesn't, within hours, kill one of themselves.

This isn't, like last year's "Barbarian," another chastening example of the dangers that lurk within the poorly chosen Airbnb, (though I, for one, will henceforth not be clicking "Shyamalanian allegory" in all future bookings). This is, like most of Shyamalan's schemes, a sincere metaphorical proposition. What's more important: Preserving one's family or the larger

world?

There are, of course, reasons to be dubious of strangers who turn up in your vacation rental asking for blood to spare humanity. Are they delusional? Has this gay couple been targeted? Do their demands not sound a little like the nuttiness of some of today's real-world attackers? Eric and Andrew sense the same kind of brutality that they've experienced all their lives as gay men. Flashbacks to their past, including moments of bliss and pain, suggest this lurid episode is part of a larger narrative of a loving family forged against a harsh world. "Always together" is the couple's mantra.

But the way the four intruders speak is at odds with that possibility. They seem genuinely concerned for the wellbeing of the family. They identify themselves

as regular people, some with families of their own, who are reluctantly but necessarily carrying out a duty. They are making their own sacrifice, too. Bautista, in one of his finest performances, is more sweet than menacing, even while wielding a heavy weapon. Amuka-Bird, too, is an affectingly sensitive presence.

The performances, all around, are convincing, and Shyamalan arrestingly stages the intense standoff as blood begins to spill and calamities, seen on television, mount. The tale, adapted from Paul G. Tremblay's 2018 novel "The Cabin at the End of the World" with a notable tweak to the ending, cleverly inverts the home invasion thriller.

There are, undoubtedly, deeper avenues of exploration left unexamined. But there are also B-

movie pleasures that deviate from horror convention, and even some of the director's own trademark sensibilities. Shyamalan doesn't pump up the violence, nor does he rely on plot twists to carry "Knock at the Cabin" along. Instead, the film works as a brutal, neatly distilled kind of morality play that toys with fatalism, family and climate change allegory. What most distinguishes Shyamalan's film is how it dares to consider whether some things are more important than family. In apocalyptic big screen spectacles, family is almost always the last and most abiding refuge. Here, it may be an impediment.

"Knock at the Cabin," a Universal Pictures release, is rated R by the MPA for violence and language. Running time: 100 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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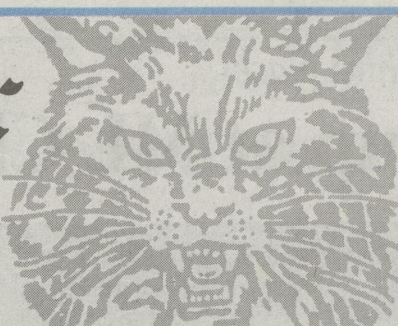
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After four-hour wait, Campbell wins fight in 76 seconds

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WILMINGTON- As a high school football player, being selected to play in the Shriners all star game is one of the most prestigious honors one can receive. Roughly 24 years ago, Wilmington High School star Jamie Campbell was one of those fortunate players. When Campbell learned about the many victims the Shriners Hospital supports, it was a game and overall message that has stuck with him to this very day. A highly scouted event, it was only the beginning for the future Merrimack College football player.

Campbell, now 42, is still finding ways to give back to the Shriners-this time, at the end of a career.

On Friday, Campbell's professional fighting career came to an end at none other venue than the Shriners Auditorium. After knocking out his opponent Bruce Richards in the FC pro catchweight 160 bout just 1:16 into the first round, Campbell announced to the Wilmington faithful he would be donating his knockout bonus to the Shriners Hospital.

"I wanted to say something that I've been coming to the Shriners since I was a kid and I played in

the Shriners football game," said Campbell following the fight. "But I wanted to make it short and sweet. Let me at least get the donation out there."

As Campbell paid tribute to an organization that impacted him in his youth, he capped off the night by saying goodbye to his professional FC career in front of his hometown friends and family.

"Hometown, (it was a) lot of pressure (with) a lot of family here and a lot of friends," he said. "It couldn't have went any better."

However, there was one part of the night that didn't exactly go Campbell's way. Originally scheduled on the prelim card, Campbell was expected to fight Richards as the fifth contest of the night anytime between 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Due to the television broadcast schedule, Campbell learned right before his name was supposed to be called that he may have to sit tight.

"So I'm walking out to fight, you already got pre-rivals and all that," he said. "And they're like 'yeah, you're bumped.' I'm like (I'm probably) bumped to maybe two or three fights. (They told me) I'm basically dead last."

Campbell went from being the fifth fight of the night to the sixteenth, which meant over three hours of downtime.

"Luckily I packed some food, because I was starving," he said with a laugh. "I just waited around, but it was worth it."

At about 11:30 at night, Campbell's name was introduced and the anticipation was over. He didn't waste any time, taking Richards to the ground ten seconds into the contest.

"I came out and he's a little taller than me so I wanted to make the distance," said Campbell. "I threw a right kick, he actually caught it and went to bring me down, but I ended up on top of him."

After just a minute and sixteen seconds into the opening round, Campbell sealed the deal in front of a hometown crowd that waited all night for the performance.

"I (got) out of it and brought him down," said Campbell. "He was defending (me) good from the bottom. I was trying to lock his arms down so I could ground and pound him. Finally I connected with a couple and he spun and I got him."

When the referee raised his arm in the air, Campbell couldn't help but feel relieved following

the tension that was building all night.

"It was such a relief," he said. "It's a lot, it's a lot that goes into it. (it's) very stressful and at the end of the day when you win, it's worth it. But

walking out and stuff, that's very stressful."

Even though Campbell hasn't lost his touch, he is ready to step away from professional fighting once and for all.

"That was the last one,"

said Campbell. "It feels good, it's a relief. A lot goes into it and it's very stressful. At the end of the day, it's worth it but I'm forty-two. It's time to move on."



On Friday night, Wilmington resident Jamie Campbell competed in his last FC fight, winning in just 76 seconds held at the Shriners Auditorium. He totally dominated the match from start until the end, winning by a To the left, he gets good luck wishes from some fans as he was walking into the ring.



Despite many injuries, Wilmington/Bedford finish in third place

Gymnastics team turns it up at ML Championship Meet

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STONEHAM - A year ago, the first-year Wilmington/Bedford gymnastics team surprised everyone by finishing third at the Middlesex League Championship Meet, before going to have great success at both the sectional and state meets, earning a high enough score to qualify for the New England Meet.

This season, despite a ton of injuries and lately some sickness, the team continues to put up impressive numbers. On Monday night, W/B finished third again at the ML Championships with a score of 138.35 held at Stoneham High School.

Reading, who W/B lost to by the slightest of margins during the regular season, won the meet once again with a score of 144.25 with Burlington second with 142.6. Arlington was fourth, followed by Melrose, Winchester, Woburn, Wakefield and Stoneham.

"(To finish third is terrific) considering we had injuries to two of our all-around people, and this week a couple of our kids were sick and a couple of them are having some mental blocks (is terrific)," said head coach Kristen Hannon. "We're trying to push through with our mighty team of thirteen, so it's a lot on the kids because not everybody competes."

The top highlights came from senior Alexa Graziano and freshman Lexie Masters. Graziano of Wilmington, was crowned the league cham-



Wilmington High's Keira Warford competes on the vault during an earlier season home gymnastics meet. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

pion on the balance beam earning a score of 9.5. She also finished third in the all-around competition, placing third on the vault (9.1) and fourth on both the Floor Exercise (9.2) and the bars (9.05).

Masters is just a freshman and she was phenom-

enal as well. She finished ninth in the all-around, which included finishing sixth in both the floor exercise (9.1) and bars (8.9), while finishing 14th on the vault (8.1) and 20th on the balance beam (7.9).

"Alexa had a great meet

and she hit four-for-four. Lexi Masters had a great meet and she also hit four-for-four. Then our various pieces had a pretty good meet for everybody. They all pretty much hit what they could, doing what we needed them to do giving the cir-

cumstances of injuries, illness and all that sort of stuff. Everybody pulled through and did what they needed to do," said Hannon.

Besides the two all-around performers, W/B did have some strong performances from a handful of others. With the vault, Brooke Stuzynski and Keira Warford had 8.4 scores and Katie Desaulniers and Maddie Plurad finished with 8.0 scores.

On the bars, Selima Chan was 16th with an 8.25, followed by Makayla Comeiro, who was 18th with an 8.1, and then Plurad and Stuzynski finished with scores of 7.4 and 7.2.

On the beam, Chan finished with an 8.5, followed by Stuzynski (8.4), Desaulniers (8.35) and Comeiro (7.4).

Then on the floor exercise, Plurad was impressive with an 8.6, while Comeiro finished strong with an 8.4, followed by Chan at 8.3 and Desaulniers with a 7.5.

"We hope to qualify for the sectionals and we'll find out the middle of this week if we make it. Two of our kids, Alexa Graziano and Lexie Masters, made the all-around finals (of the individual state meet) and that's pretty exciting," said Hannon. "Last year we had four individuals and this year we have two all-arounds. The all-around is really hard to make because you need to have that certain average and you're going up against the top kids in the entire state."

"Right now Alexa is ranked seventh out of the

North and South sections and Lexie made the top forty, and as a freshman that's huge."

The state individual meet will be held on Monday at Tewksbury High and if the team qualifies for the sectionals, that meet will be a week from Saturday at Algonquin Regional High School.

LAST DUAL MEET

Last Wednesday, W/B concluded its dual meet season with a 139.45-131.05 win over Woburn. The win improved the team's record to 6-2 and makes it 12-3 since joining the league a year ago.

Alexa Graziano was the top performer as she finished with scores of 9.5 on the floor, 9.45 on the vault, a 9.15 on the bars and a 9.1 on the beam. Mikayla Comeiro also received a 9.5 score on the floor, as she and Graziano tried the program record in that event. Comeiro also earned scores of 8.1 on the beam and 8.05 on the bars.

On the vault, other competitors included Keira Warford (8.6), Maddie Plurad (8.45), Katie Desaulniers (8.4), Brooke Stuzynski (8.3) and Addie Silva (7.8). On the bars it was Lexie Masters (8.8), Selima Chan (8.45), Stuzynski (7.25) and Warford (6.5).

On the beam, Plurad finished with an 8.2, followed by Chan (8.1), Stuzynski (7.95) and Desaulniers (7.7).

Finally on the floor, Plurad took home an 8.85, followed by Masters at 8.75, Chan (8.4) and Desaulniers (8.25).

Despite knee injury, senior wins beam event

Graziano pushes pain away for a league championship title

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STONEHAM/WILMINGTON - After each little or longer break that she got inbetween her four events, you could just see how much pain Alexa Graziano was in. Running to do the vault, there was a noticeable limp - and seconds later when she landed on the mat, it was obvious that she was in excruciating pain.

Before the vault, she had her leg up on a chair as she watched her teammates perform. After the vault was over, her knee was wrapped in ice, while she fought off tears.

"I'm in a lot of pain. It feels like you're getting stabbed in the knee with a knife. That's how I imagine it," she said.

Despite her injury, the Wilmington High School senior somehow pulled it all together on Monday night at the Middlesex League Championship Meet.

Despite the pain, somehow she managed to be crowned the league's best on the beam with a stellar 9.5 score. She finished third in the all-around

competition, also earning a third place on the vault (9.1) and fourth places on the floor exercise (9.2) and bars (9.05).

Four scores over 9.0 on one healthy leg, not too shabby.

"I was just really shocked that I did that well in beam because beam has never been my thing. Some reason this year I have been doing really well on beam and I think I have gotten four 9.5 (scores) so far this season," she answered before being asked why she believes her scores are higher this year on the beam. "It's more about working on my skills and making sure that there's no little wobbles or anything. I think I'm getting pretty good at it."

She's also very good at performing at a high level, while in some serious agony.

"My tendons (in my left knee) are just really messed up. There's so much scar tissue that it's three times bigger than my other tendon. There's also a bunch of holes in it. I was planning on having surgery anyway - to fix

the holes and take the scar tissue out," she said. "I hurt it in April and I was just out of gymnastics from April to basically January when I started back up for high school. It was at practice for my club team, while on the bars. I was doing a dismount and I hurt it."

While Graziano was coming back from her own injury, her Wilmington teammate Emily Provost suffered a season ending injury, also from the bars. But that's when Graziano, who last year was the individual state champion on the bars scoring a 9.10 and also finished eighth in the entire state in the all-around competition, realized that she needed to step up, even if she wasn't completely healthy.

"It's my last year so I figured that I might as well go out and try to help out the team. I was out in the beginning of the season and then I was only doing bars because of my knee. Then when Emily got hurt, I realized that someone had to step up so the team would stay up there," she said.

Since she's been back, she's been nothing short of sensational. Four times she received a score of 9.5 on the balance beam. Recently, in a dual meet, she finished with three scores of 9.5. She currently has the program records with beam (9.55), vault (9.55) and the all-around (37.40), and has tied the floor exercise (9.50) high score twice.

"My goal this year was to break all five of the (program records). It's my last year so I figured I'd at least try. I'm still trying and I have three so far," she said.

No matter if she accomplishes more program records or not, head coach Kristen Hannon said that she has known Graziano for a long time and has watched her grow into not just a phenomenal gymnast but student-athlete.

"I have been coaching Alexa since I first started at Gym Street USA in 2016 - she's won state and regional titles at different levels as well as the high school individual bar title last year. After COVID, she had to switch gyms, but has been training her skills and adding upgrades since then."

"She experience knee issues when she was younger and it unfortunately flared up again at the end of last season. She's worked so hard to come back even stronger than last year. She's put all her big time skills into her high school routines which led to her winning the beam title. She's hit multiple scores of 9.5 on three events this season, including beam at least four times."

"I'm so proud of how far she has come as a gymnast and a well-rounded individual. She excels in her academics while also participating in club gymnastics five days a week and high school gymnastics on top of that."

As of right now, Graziano said her plan is to finish the season and have surgery 'sooner than later'. She is ranked seventh in the all-around competitors from the North and South sections of the state. She will compete in the state individual meet coming up on Monday, and then hopes the team will qualify for the post-season meets starting with the sectionals.

"I think I can get through maybe two more meets. Hopefully," she said.

An high honor roll student, she has applied to several colleges and waiting to make a decision. She said most likely her gymnastics career will be over after this season is completed, "but you never know," she quipped. Until then, she's going to do everything in her power to continue to be tough, gutsy and continue to be a leader and an inspiration

to all.

"I just like to see how far I've come along, especially since I'm hurt. I just try to push through," she said.

Whether or not Graziano can withstand the pain over these next few weeks remains to be seen. However, the program will certainly feel the pain once she does in fact turn in the leotard for good.

"I am so proud of how far she has come. It is a

happy but sad season as she will graduate this year. She has been a pleasure to coach all these years, even though I still get the eye roll after giving the same corrections on skills she's done for several years," said Hannon with a laugh. "She has been a great asset to the Wilmington-Bedford team and she will be missed."



On Monday night, WHS senior Alexa Graziano (left) scored an amazing 9.5 to win the balance beam competition during the Middlesex League Meet held at Stoneham High. She shares the special moment with teammate Emily Provost. (courtesy photo)



Despite battling a knee injury all season, WHS senior Alexa Graziano was crowned the Middlesex League beam champion during Monday night's championship meet held at Stoneham. (courtesy photo by Eternal Perspective Photography/Don and Tanya Iverson).

Senior suffered broken tibia and fibula during second meet of the season

After horrific injury, Provost on a quest to return to the mats

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STONEHAM/WILMINGTON - As sports fans, we've all seen some gruesome injuries. At the professional level, Joe Theismann, Dave Dravecky and Clint Malarchuk are still talked about to this day.

Here locally, certainly the people who were at Gym Street USA back on Monday, January 9th, will forever remember what they witnessed when Wilmington High senior gymnast Emily Provost took her turn on the uneven bars.

"I started off good and did my overshoot. I got to the high bar and did everything (that I was supposed to do). Then on my dismount, it was fine in the air, but when I landed, I'm not entirely sure what happened, but when I landed my (right) leg just kind of snapped," she said on Monday night while cheering on her Wilmington/Bedford teammates at the Middlesex League Championship Meet.

The entire crowd went silent. There were tears, there was shock and naturally people were scared, concerned and worried for Provost, who somehow managed to keep her emotions and mental and physical toughness intact throughout the horrific ordeal.

"Honestly, it didn't feel that bad when I did it. I looked down and I was like 'oh my God, my leg is not straight'. The middle of my leg was just not straight but I really couldn't see anything," she remembered. "I was kind of shock, thinking 'is this really happening'? They

got me pretty fast to the hospital."

Provost was immediately taken to Winchester Hospital. X-Rays showed that she had fractured both her tibia and fibula. She was informed that she needed surgery and it would have to be performed at Children's Hospital. She had to wait a bit for an ambulance, but all told, she spent close to six hours, before being transported to the city during the middle of the night.

About 12 hours later, she went under the knife, as doctors performed a four-hour surgery.

"I was really sore and it was pretty swollen (afterwards). I stayed at the hospital for a couple days," she said.

Now about five weeks since the incident first happened, Provost was asked about her update.

"I (recently) got the staples out and everything and now I'm just wearing the boot (and I'm on crutches). All they have told me is that it'll be six months of recovery before I'm back to gymnastics," she said.

Back to gymnastics? After that?

"I'm going to Ithaca College (in New York) and will be joining the gymnastics team there. They are a Division 3 school. There's not a lot of D2 and D3 gymnastics programs around, or in general. I was talking to a couple of different schools, but nothing was final before I got hurt (so after the injury) I was kind of stressed."

That stress ended when she made the commitment to Ithaca, where she will study to become a physical therapist, which

was decided before the injury. In the meantime, despite being on crutches, and despite not being able to compete on Monday, Provost still managed to smile a lot throughout the entire event.

"(I'm trying to be in good spirits) but it's definitely tough watching the girls compete (and not being out there)," she said. "I'm just going to miss all of it. Everyone, all of my teammates have been really good. I haven't been to practice and I have missed a few meets, but they have been really helpful and comforting."

Provost and her mother were instrumental in starting up the co-op gymnastics program with Bedford. Last year as a junior, Emily instantly became one of the state's best gymnasts. She finished sixth in the state in the all-around competition, earning four scores of 9.0 or higher. She was also second on the bars and fifth on the vault in the individual state meet.

"I've had Emily with me since I started at Gym Street six-and-a-half years ago," said W/B head coach Kristen Hannon. "She's made it all the way to the regionals and Eastern National Championships (with our club program) and we're so happy that she came back this year (to the high school team)."

"Unfortunately she got injured, but we're happy to still have her come out and support the team and do whatever she can to help us given that she had such a catastrophic injury during her senior year. However, she did manage to get into a college and will be competing in gym-

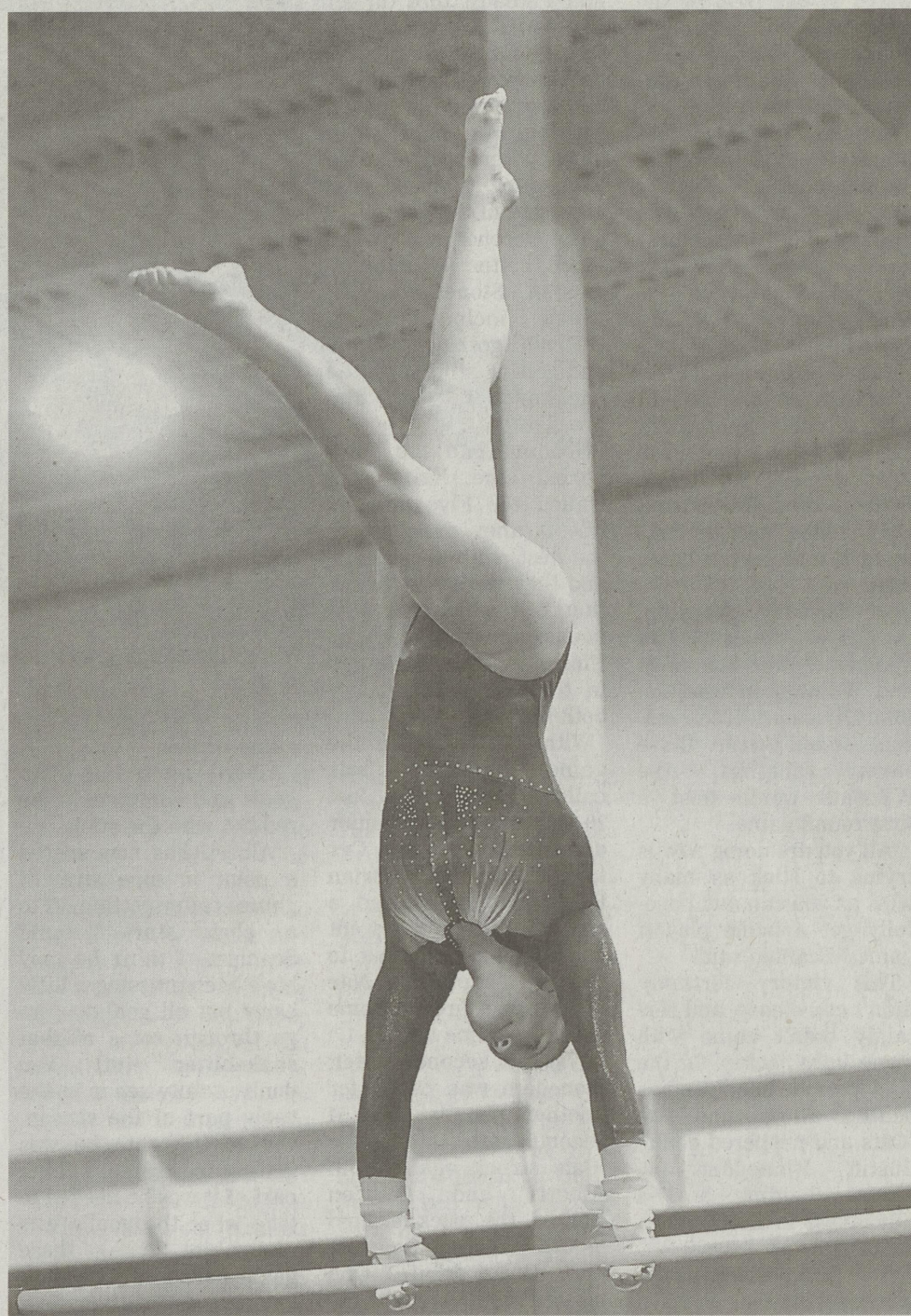
nastics after the fact of her injury. That in itself is pretty amazing."

Provost was asked when

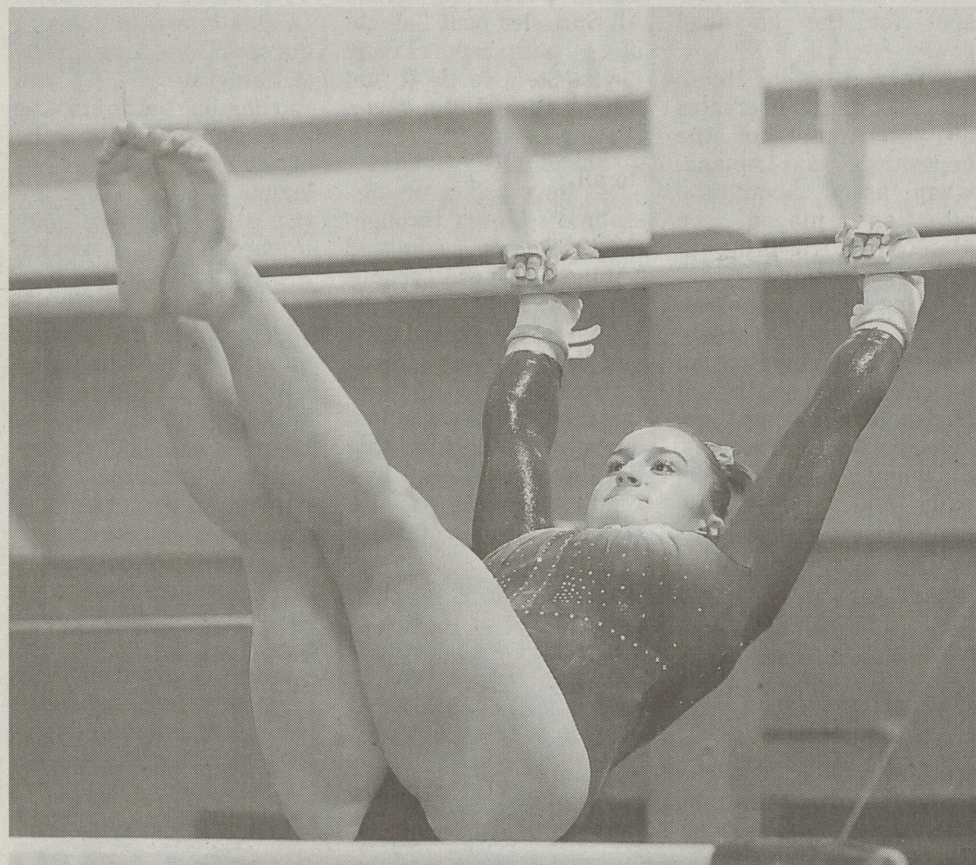
she can resume gymnastics activities.

"I go back to doctor's on Friday. Like they said six

months, so hopefully I'm back July or August," she said sporting a big smile.



Just seconds after these two pictures were taken from the team's second meet of the season back in January 9th, Wilmington High senior Emily Provost landed awkwardly on the mat after her dismount off the uneven bars, which resulted in a very serious accident, as she broke both her tibia and fibula bones. She is in great spirits and is working to get back on the mats. In the fall, she'll be attending Ithaca College and will be a member of its gymnastics team. (photos by Bob DeChiara).



MIAA releases updated Power Rankings

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On Tuesday, the MIAA released its updated Power Rankings for boys and girls hockey and boys and girls basketball. The top 32 teams in each division make it to the tournament automatically, and then any team outside the top 32 with a .500 record or better will also qualify.

Starting with boys hockey, in Division 2 Tewksbury is ranked No. 2 and Wilmington is No. 15. If the season ended today with those same rankings, the Redmen would take on the winner of No. 31 Mansfield/No. 34 Diman Voc Tech in the first round and Wilmington would host No. 18 Concord-Carlisle.

In Division 4, Shawsheen is ranked No. 7, and would host No. 26 seed Hamilton-Wenham in the first round. Earlier this season, the two teams met with the Rams winning 5-0.

Turning to Girls Hockey, in Division 1, Tewksbury/Methuen is ranked No. 14 and would host No. 19 Newburyport. Wilmington/Stoneham is ranked No. 17 and would travel to face No. 16 Bishop Fenwick. The two teams have faced each other twice this year, with W/S winning the first time 5-3 and BF winning the second, 2-1.

Also in D1, Shawsheen/Bedford is ranked No. 25 and they would travel to face No. 8 Arlington.

In boys basketball, Tewksbury is ranked No. 25 and they would host No. 40 Ludlow in a preliminary game with the winner going to No. 8 Dartmouth. In Division 3, Shawsheen is ranked No. 37 and they would travel to face No. 28 Arlington Catholic with the winner going to No. 5 Pittsfield.

In Girls Basketball, Tewksbury is ranked No. 19 in Division 2. If season ended today, they would travel to face No. 14 South High Community of Worcester.

In Division 3, Shawsheen would be ranked No. 37 and would travel to face No. 28 Quabbin Regional in a preliminary round game with the winner going to Norton.

Handful of swimmers compete at North Sectional meet

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Several members of the Wilmington/North Reading co-op boys and girls swim teams took part in this weekend's sectional meets.

On the boys side, Ethan Ryan finished 18th in the breast stroke in 1:04.87 and was also 22nd in the 200-IM with a time of 2:11.55. In addition to those two events, he joined up with Spencer Bagtaz, Dat Tran and Jonathan Mangano to finished 25th in the 200-medley relay in a combined time of 1:51.92.

On the female side, the only individual to compete was North Reading resident Maddie Koenig, who was 22nd in the 100-backstroke in 1:06.13. She was also part of two relay teams. The 400-free team of Lindsey Kane, Ella Ding, Lauren Feffer and Koenig finished 15th in 4:13.43. Then the same four swam together in the 200-medley relay and finished 17th in 2:08.94.

Finally, the 200-freestyle relay team of Kane, Dong,

Feffer and Priscilla Vo finished 21st in 1:56.52.

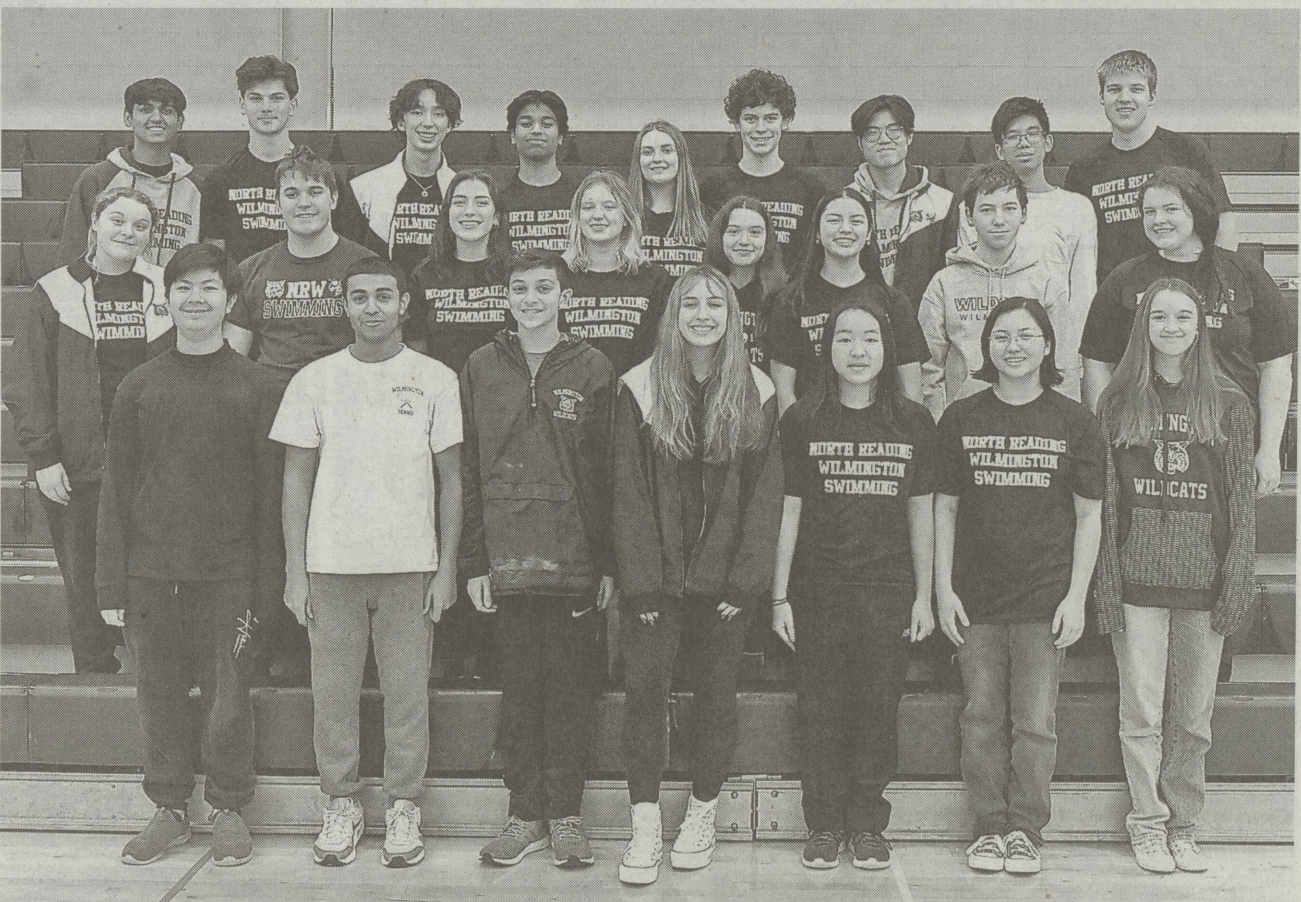
This upcoming weekend both Ryan and Koenig will compete in the Division 2 state meets to be held at MIT. Ryan is seeded 10th in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.54) and the 200-IM (2:08.52) and Koenig is seeded 23rd in the 100-yard backstroke (1:04.98).

Recently, the Cape Ann League announced its post-season awards and many of the swimmers were recognized. Both Koenig in the 50-free and Ryan in the 100-breaststroke were named All-Conference.

In addition, Koenig was also second team in the 100-backstroke and part of the second team 400-free relay with Kane, Feffer and Dong.

Ryan was also second team in the 200-IM and part of the second team 200-medley relay team with Bagtaz, Tran and Mangano.

Ivan Deiko (200-free) and Bagtaz (100-backstroke) were also named to the second team.



The Wilmington High student-athletes who are members of the Wilmington/North Reading co-op swim team includes: top row from left to right: Sarthak Tripathi, Moaid Said, Ethan Ryan, Aryan Patil, Shae Fitzgerald, Spencer Bagtaz, Dylan Tran, Dat Tran and Mantvydas Banevicius; middle row from left, Alyssa Stack, Tyler Sheehan, Katherine Murphy, Cassie Tibbetts, Emily Cronin, Gillian Kane, Declan Savage and Rachel Repucci; bottom row from left, Kelby Chau, Siddharth Karani, Vijay Cudia, Julia Kane, Priscilla Vo, Lindsey Kane and Ella Dong. (photo by Eric Canha).

Wildcats will send one wrestler to this weekend's state meet

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TEWKSBURY - Heading into the postseason, the Wilmington High School wrestling team didn't exactly have the odds in their favor. With a team mostly composed of inexperienced, first-year wrestlers, the 'Cats were faced with a challenge at the division three sectionals held at Tewksbury High School on Saturday.

However, given the circumstances, head coach Kevin Riley's team didn't back down. In fact, Wilmington advanced one wrestler to the state meet next weekend while also producing some impressive performances.

"The kids worked hard," said Riley. "I was very proud of them as far as all that went. Overall I'm happy with the kids' performance."

Julien Cella (145-pound weight class), a leader for the Wildcats all season on the mat, earned a third place finish on Saturday and ultimately secured a spot in the state meet at Wakefield next weekend.

"Not a lot of quit there," Riley said of Cella. "It took him a little bit to figure out his game, particularly when he lost that match. But once he did, he looked good. If he bounces back from that and comes out with the right mindset next week, the sky is the limit."

Cella, the No. 3 seed, was granted a bye in the first round. In the quarterfinals, Cella pinned Quinn Fogarty of Melrose at 4:44 to get his day started on the right foot.

In the semi-finals, Cella then came up short to Oisin Cullen of Wakefield,

suffering a pin at 5:34. From there, he picked up two wins in the consolation bracket, securing a top four finish.

Cella pinned Anthony Bitencourt of Excel Academy at 0:46 and Lucas Bistany of Triton at 0:27.

Right behind Cella was Nick Iascone (152-pound weight class), missing the top four by one place. His fifth place finish makes him an alternate for the state meet next weekend.

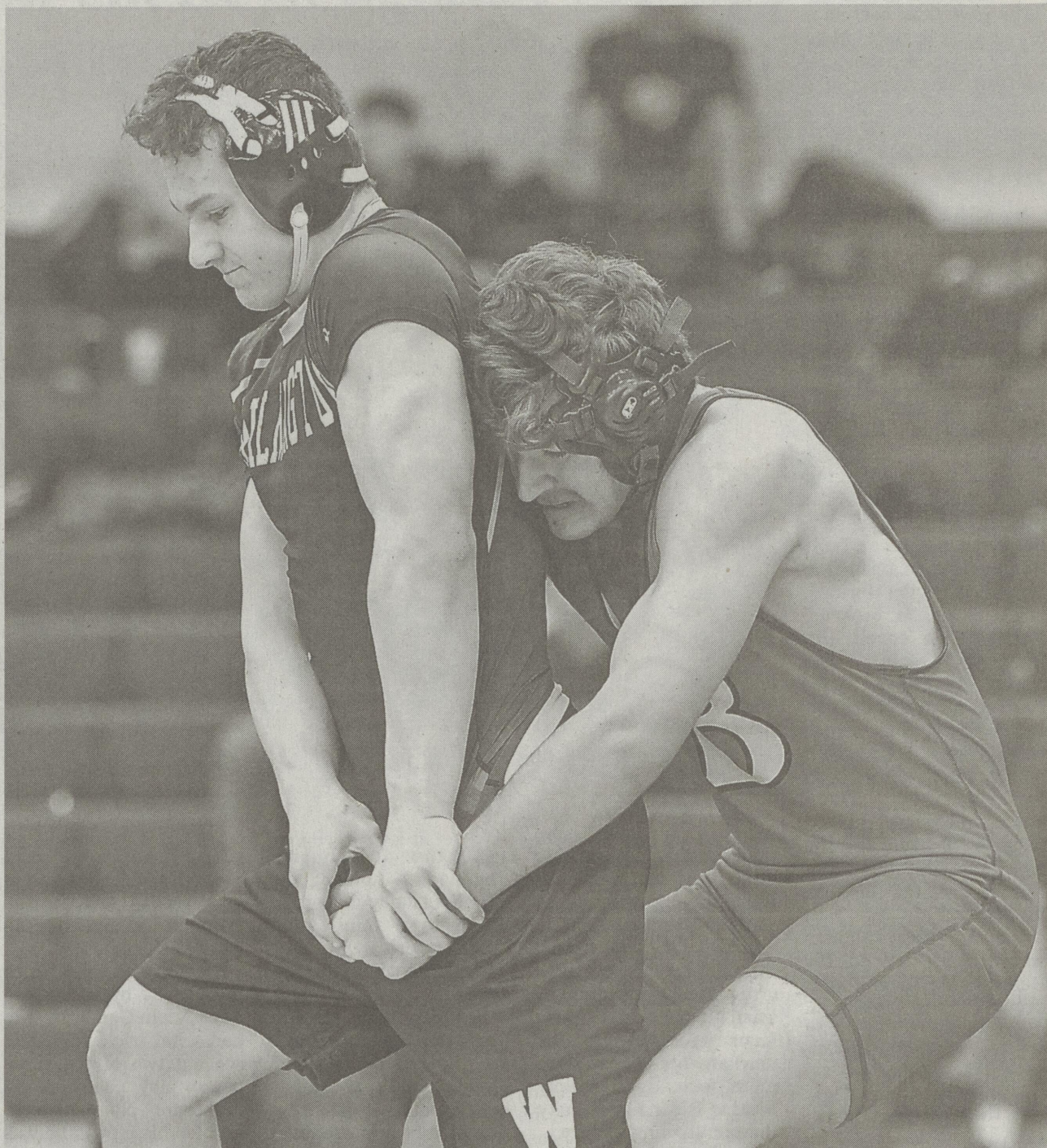
Following a loss in the first round, Iascone went 2-1 in the consolation bracket, pinning Tyler Nicasastro of Gloucester at 2:43 and outlasting Luke Etheridge of Excel Academy in a 13-8 decision.

"We're all going to rally behind Julien and hope for the best for Nick, you never know (as an alternate)," said Riley. "Nick battled his way to the very end, I'm very proud of him as the first year being a varsity kid."

The last of the Wilmington placers was Dempsey Murphy (220-pound weight class), earning a spot on the podium at sixth place. Battling an illness, Murphy left it all on the mat on Saturday.

Murphy started his day with a win, pinning Hagop Shahbazyan at 0:24 before being sent to the consolation bracket the following round. Murphy was victorious in one of his next three matches, pinning Connor Burson of North Middlesex at 0:49.

Even though the 'Cats only advanced one wrestler and placed two others, a few first year wrestlers earned their first postseason victories.



Wilmington's Clyde Lambert tries to escape from Bedford's Austin Callis during an earlier season home match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

"We had a couple kids who have only wrestled for one year pick up a win today like Evan Woltag and Hannah Bryson," said Riley.

Woltag (160-pound weight class) pinned Dylan Brzezowski of Nashoba Tech in the consolation bracket at 4:48, while Bryson (126-pound weight class) won her first match of the tournament in a 5-2 decision over Watertown's Christian Demis.

In less than two weeks, Bryson will be competing in the all girls all states in Reading. Given she was able to grind out a win in the mixed gender tournament, Riley is excited to see what she will look to accomplish in the coming weeks.

"We're looking forward to Hannah's performance at the girls state tournament," he said. "We think she can do something really special."

When Riley realized Saturday was the end of the road for many of his wrestlers, he couldn't help but recognize senior and first-year wrestler John Consorti, who poured his heart out for the 'Cats all season long.

"To come out for his first year as a senior you got to give him a lot of credit for that," said Riley. "To know that this is their last day is emotional for me and hard for me, and I

can only imagine it is for these guys too."

While Riley and his team will continue to support Cella and Bryson, he is hoping next year's team will see an increase in numbers.

"We got a great nucleus of kids here," he said. "My hope is that next year

their friends are going to be coming in. They've already set a great model as far as teamwork and cohesiveness so I'm hoping that's going to attract more talent for next year."

At the end of the day, Riley is confident it's not the wins and losses his kids wrestlers will

remember the most.

"No matter what happens, I know some of these kids are going to be life-long friends," said Riley. "It's been an absolute pleasure to be a part of watching them (grow)."



Red Roots Wrestling Club had three Wilmington kids place in the North Sectional Championship in North Andover this past Sunday. Jaron Molgard (above) wrestled in the U15, 215-pound bracket and placed second; Tommy Conn (bottom left) placed first in the U12, 86-pound division; and Henry Santini (bottom right) placed first in the U15, 112-pound division. All three will be headed to States next Sunday. (courtesy photos).



Above, Wilmington's Ryan Watson tries to escape from Bedford's Nicholas Bennett during an earlier season match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Bantam 1's split two games; lost to Medfield, top Danvers

The Wilmington Bantam 1 youth hockey team faced off against the first place Medfield Warriors in Valley League play on Saturday February 11th in Wellesley at the Wellesley Sport Center.

It was the Wildcats first match up of the season against the first place Warriors. Dylan Mainini got the start in net and the Warriors came out fast, but Mainini was up to the task making stopping the first ten shots of the game to keep the Warriors off the scoreboard.

Defenseman Nate Anderson got the scoring started for the Wildcats with a shot from the blue line that was deflected by a Warriors player in front of the net to put Wilmington up 1-0.

The lead was short lived though as the Warriors came right back on the ensuing possession of the face off and tied the game at 1-1.

In the second period Medfield went up 2-1 but defenseman Jonathan Stokes scored on hard push to the net to tie the game up at 2-2. The game

remained tied late into the third period with solid defense played by Colin Doherty and Dylan Minasian. Wilmington had some good scoring chances with some solid rushes by Ryan Archer and Jon Cavanaugh.

Medfield though was able to get the go-ahead goal though with just under five minutes left which proved to be the deciding goal, with then adding a couple of late goals including an empty netter and Medfield sealed the deal with a 6-2 win.

The Wildcats then played against the Danvers Falcons in Valley League play trying to avenge an early season loss to the Falcons.

The Wildcats came out fast and scored early in the first period as Kyle Spencer started the scoring on a feed from Collin O'Hearn.

The Falcons managed to tie the game in the first period with a nice play and tough shot that beat Dylan Mainini over the shoulder. Wilmington answered almost immedi-

ately to go up 2-1 on shot from Jake Arsenaault that was redirected in front of the net by Nate Murphy to give the Wildcats the lead.

Dylan Mainini was up to the task in net as at the start of the second period Danvers had some extended offensive zone time, but Mainini was able to preserve the lead turning away all chances.

The Wildcats turned things around midway through the second period with their own onslaught of pressure and was rewarded on a shift with Jon Cavanaugh assisting Henry Almeda scored the third Wildcats goal of the day, and shortly after that defenseman Jake

Arsenaault scored on a nice feed from Devin MacDonald to put Wilmington up 4-1.

Danvers managed to cut the deficit to 4-2 early in the third period. Mickey Moroney though scored on a rush up the left side of ice with about 4 minutes left in the game for a 5-2 lead which ended up being the final score.



Gymnastics team finishes in 7th place at MVC Meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

SALEM, NH - There's nothing like cleaning up. That's exactly what the Tewksbury Memorial High School Girls' Gymnastics team did during Thursday night's Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet.

Senior Amanda Ogden finished second in the All-Around competition and was named the MVC Gymnast of the Year. On top of that, Tewksbury was given the league's Sportsmanship Award.

All in all, the team took home some hardware, despite finishing 7th overall in the 9-team competition.

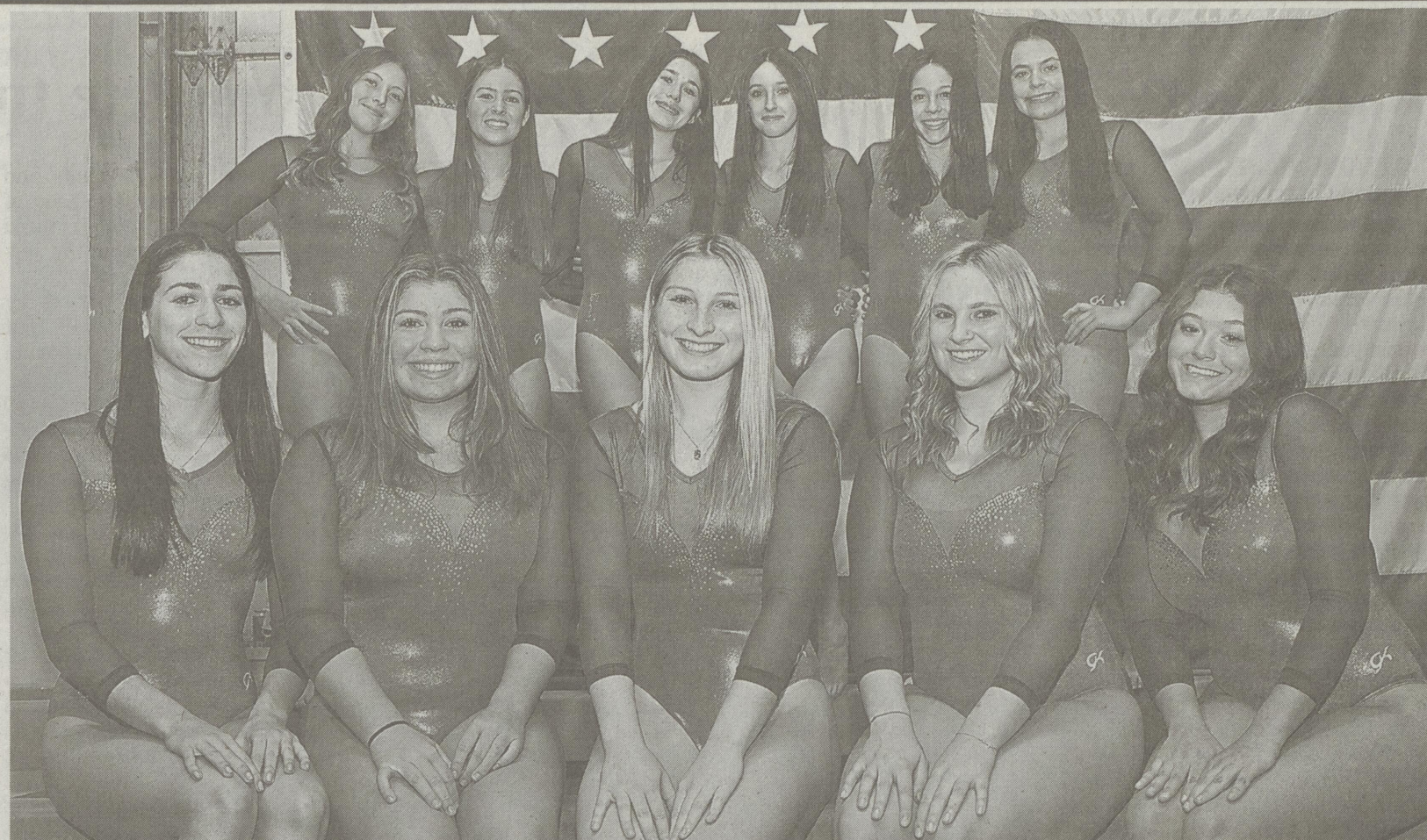
A year ago, the Redmen had a historical performance at this meet. Led by two of the best athletes in the league, the Redmen finished third overall, the best in program history. This year's 12-member team consists of seven athletes who fall between being in eighth and tenth grade, thus there's a learning curve.

That learning curve sported the team to a 4-4 regular season record, and then a real solid 133.50 score coming before a jammed packed crowd at the A-2 Facility. Head Coach Jess Wilkey was ecstatic with her team's performances, but went on to say that there are a couple of differences from last year's meet to this one.

"In general this is girls' gymnastics, but as you can see there are some boys here competing and they are all phenomenal gymnasts. It's wonderful to see. Unfortunately for us that brought our team score down a bit. There weren't as many boys here last year. But you know what? That's going to make us stronger for next year," said Wilkey.

Ogden finished second in the all-around competition with a total score of 36.9 and that includes finishing third on the floor at 9.4, fourth on the vault at 9.450, fifth on the bars at 8.850 and she was tied for eighth on the beam at 9.20.

The other all-around performer was freshman Kayla Saunders, who finished with a 31.8. She scored an 8.555 on the vault, a 7.550 on the bars, an 8.0 on the beam and a 7.7 on the floor exercise.



The TMHS Gymnastics team finished in seventh place during last Thursday's MVC Championship Meet held at the A-2 Facility in Salem, New Hampshire. The team includes front row from left, Julianna Cappiello, Abigail McCarthy, Amanda Ogden, Alexis Devlin, and Alexis Rooney; back row from left, Jocelyn Delorey, Keira Gaffney, Kayla Saunders, Maddie Carroll, Lila Areias, and Julia Carlson. Missing from photo Jaden Kasule and Alyssa Flahive. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Another freshman Madison Carroll also had a strong night. She finished with an 8.650 on the vault, a 7.2 on the bars and a 7.650 on the floor.

"The two freshmen (Saunders and Carroll) continue to do a great job. They have a bright future ahead of themselves and they really helped us on the bars," said Wilkey.

A third freshman Abigail McCarthy set the tone for the entire night. She competed in just the beam and nailed her routine with a 7.6 score.

"Abby always starts us out on the balance beam because she sticks it almost every meet. That sets the tone for the rest of the group and that's why I have her go first. She's strong and just starts it out for us," said Wilkey.

The others who stuck their beam routine include Keira Gaffney (7.4), Alyssa Flahive (7.5), Saunders, Alexis Devlin (8.1) and Ogden.

Flahive is one of two eighth graders on the team. She also scored a 6.450 on the floor.

The other is Lila Areias who finished with an 8.4 on the vault, a 7.5 on the bars and an 8.3 on the floor.

"Lila Areias is going to

be a star. She's only in the eighth grade and this has been such a great learning experience for her because of the nerves and it's not about herself. With other competition, she has never had that type of camaraderie or this type of atmosphere. She loves it, and she's going to take it to the next level," Wilkey.

An upperclassmen who did take her bar routine to the next level was junior Jaden Kasule, who finished with an 8.6.

"Jaden has been a consistent, hard worker for us. She has consistently been scoring around an 8.6 all season on the bars," said Wilkey. "She went down with an injury to her knee during the first meet of the season. She was really trying to help the team out by coming back so we decided that for her own safety, that she would only compete on the bars.

"The kid is capable of being a star in all of the events. She is a phenomenal athlete. She's just amazing, amazing. Her safety is more important, her longevity in the sport is more important, especially if she wants to compete collegiately. She gives us so many points on bar and on top of everything else, she is a born leader."

Devlin also earned a 7.750 on the vault and a 6.450 on the floor and



Tewksbury Memorial High School freshman Abigail McCarthy in the middle of her beam routine during an earlier season home gymnastics meet. (photo by Eric Canha).

Gaffney took a 6.2 on the bars.

All in all, it was a great night for the program.

"For us, it's never been about your score," said Wilkey. "It's about doing the best that you at a championship meet. This is the first meet all season that they all six girls

stuck beam (and didn't fall). The scores didn't matter, they all stuck. They all fought to stay on it. That's a huge accomplishment as a team.

"I just love this sport. I have so much respect for all of these kids, especially the seniors. Our hats are off to them. It is a

tough sport, especially in today's society. There's so many other things and there's such an easy way out but these kids are just doing great gymnastics. I really do love it. The younger generation is coming up (and we're excited)."

Girls Basketball comes up short; defeated in two straight

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

TEWKSBURY - As the case nearly every week,

the Tewksbury Memorial High School girls' basketball team was certainly challenged this past week. Last Friday, the Redmen

went on the road and faced a tough Division 1 non-league opponent in Concord-Carlisle. Leading by seven points going to

the fourth, the Redmen watched the Patriots hit some big-time shots and that eventually led to Concord-Carlisle's come from behind 50-46 victory.

Tuesday was Valentine's Day and the Redmen didn't receive any gifts. Tewksbury had the tough task of taking on Dracut, the No. 6 seed in Division 2, who are led by one of the state's best players Ashlee Talbot. She scored 28 points to help the Middies come away with a 63-51 victory.

Tewksbury, which was ranked No. 19 in D2, now falls to 7-9 on the season, and have four games left, three of which will again be extremely challenging.

In the loss on Tuesday, head coach Joel Mignault said that the team's effort was tremendous from start to finish, but a little cold shooting to start the game was something his team couldn't dig out of the rest of the way.

"We got off to a little bit of a slow start. We had a couple of good looks, but couldn't put it in the hoop. We had some three-pointers that rimmed out and we missed some lay-ups which I wish we could've put in," he said. "Dracut got off to a little bit of a hot start like they usually do, but we ended up buckling down in the second quarter and played really good defense. We were down thirteen points I

believe (at the break). The same thing happened in the second quarter as we never really found a rhythm offensively."

Trailing by those 13 points, Tewksbury turned things around in the third quarter.

"We played a much, much better third quarter and I think we were down seven points going into the fourth quarter before they went on another run to push it to 15 points," he said. "We tried to battle back and I think the closest we got it to was eight points. We had some really tough assignments on defense, but our girls played their hearts out. They really did do well, it was just a couple of baskets and a couple of calls didn't go our way."

Talbot was real tough to defend, while the coach said that she went to the charity stripe often.

"She hit one or two three-pointers. A lot of her points came from the free throw line. Some mistakes on our part, reaching in on some of her drives and she got a couple of calls, too. She's pretty good from the free throw line. She hurt us mostly from there," he said.

Kat Macdonald led the way for the Redmen with 11 points.

In the loss to CC, they too came out strong, taking a commanding lead

early on.

"I don't want to say that we came out cold, but they just came out hot. We were down by six points after the first quarter. We battled back in the second quarter and it was tied at halftime," said Mignault. "We had a really good third quarter and we were able to generate some turnovers and hit some big shots. Emily Picher had a huge night with 15 points. I think we just got a little bit gassed."

The Patriots put on a press that really bothered the Redmen.

"In the fourth quarter they had a press that was pretty similar to the one we saw when we played Andover. We started to turn the ball over a bit and they got some easy baskets. They hit some big, big shots in the fourth quarter. We were up seven going to the fourth and they outscored us 16-5. They were tough and they had a couple of girls who played really well," said Mignault.

On Thursday, the Redmen will host Lawrence (4-11). Then on Monday and Tuesday, they will compete in the Foxboro tournament, taking on the 15-1 host team in the first round, and then either Braintree (5-12) or Division 1 power Brookline (12-3) in the finals/consolation round.



Sophomore Emily Picher, shown here during an earlier season game against Lowell, scored a team high 15 points in Tewksbury's loss to Concord-Carlisle on Friday. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Shawsheen Tech Round-Up

Rams Girls Basketball team continues complete turnaround

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The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team completed quite a turnaround.

Last year, the Rams won only three games and missed the state tournament.

This season, after a 44-29 victory over Somerville on Thursday, the Rams have clinched a playoff spot by improving to 10-7 with two games left in the regular season.

"They've been working so hard," Ram coach Samantha St. George said. "They deserve this." St. George said last year's struggles were a distant memory after the playoff-clinching triumph.

"(After the game) the girls said 'I can't believe we had such a bad season last year,'" the coach explained. "But I kind of just told them that it happens sometimes. You have to rebuild. I think they were all really happy how far we've come in just a year. It feels good."

The win over Somerville was tight throughout the first half before the Rams pulled away over the final 16 minutes.

Shawsheen led 21-15 at halftime and outscored Somerville by a 14-9 margin in the third quarter and 9-5 in the fourth.

Senior Lindsay McCarthy of Billerica led Shawsheen with 14 points, eight in the second half. She hit two 3-pointers in the third quarter.

Senior Kerry Brown of Billerica added 11 points, including five in the critical third quarter.

Junior Lilly Dulong of Billerica added seven points for the Rams and sophomore Fiona Rexford of Billerica and senior Kiley McFadden of Tewksbury each chipped in with four points and had an excellent game rebounding. Dulong also had a solid evening on the glass.

"Our shots weren't falling, but we were able to get some rebounds," St. George said. "Lilly has been really sort of come out of her shell which is good going into the playoffs."

Shawsheen got off to a 3-1 start this season, dipped to 5-5 at one point before a 4-1 stretch that improved the Rams to 9-6 overall, setting up win No. 10 in Somerville.

"We've had our ups and downs," St. George said. "But they showed me and themselves what they could do early in the season. That's the standard. It's good for them to know that they can perform like that. Everybody has off games, but they know that they can do it. We just need to be consistent."



Mia Bizzo of Tewksbury dribbles with the ball for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team during a recent game. (photo by Doug Hastings).



Ryan Copson of Wilmington looks to distribute the ball for the Rams Boys Basketball team during an earlier game this season. (photo by Doug Hastings).

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Shawsheen wraps up its season with a Tuesday game at home against Northeast Regional and a Friday home contest against Greater Lowell.

"The pressure is definitely off a little bit," said St. George. "The last two weeks have been three-game weeks so they're tired. We'll take a rest day and then get back at it."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Heading into this week's action, the Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team still needed one more victory to earn a spot in the state tournament.

Tuesday, the Rams faced a Northeast Regional team that they beat by a 63-39 score on Jan. 13.

Shawsheen then plays at

ished with 12 points and senior Aiden MacLeod of Wilmington contributed 11 points, nine in the second half.

KIPP led at every checkpoint as well, but could never separate from the Rams.

Shawsheen trailed 14-10 after the first quarter, 26-21 at halftime and 47-35 after three before making several late runs.

Bourdeau had another big night with 18 points including 16 in the second half and ten in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Franck Moron of Billerica contributed 14 points, ten in the second half. Moron went 8-for-9 from the foul line.

MacLeod added nine points for the Rams while Sweeney and junior Zach Rogers of Wilmington each tossed in six points.

"Although we only have three games left, we still have so much room for growth," Gore said. "As a team, we have yet to hit our full potential. I'm confident we will get there over the next two weeks. If we can, we will be a tough out in the playoffs."

Despite the defeats in recent play, Gore knows the games have come against quality opponents

"Our seniors and underclassmen have come a long way this season," Gore added. "We have got healthy at the right time and we are excited for the next two weeks."

GIRLS HOCKEY

Coming off of a one-win season in 2021-2022, the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford girls hockey team took a major step toward reaching the state tournament on Friday night with a 4-1 victory over Marblehead at Lowell's Janas Rink.

The Rams improved to 7-9 overall with the win and were ranked 27th on the MIAA power rankings for Div. 1 girls hockey as of Feb. 10. The top 32 teams in the rankings automatically qualify for the playoffs.

The Rams finish the season with three games, a stretch that started Wednesday on the road against Medford and continues with a Saturday home game against Masconomet Regional at 7 p.m. and a 4 p.m. game in Gloucester on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Shawsheen/Bedford beat Medford and Masco earlier this season.

"We're going to keep pushing forward the last few games and lock in the playoff spot," said Shawsheen coach Kate O'Shea.

Against Marblehead, Shawsheen/Bedford scored twice in the first period and added another in the second to take a 3-0 lead.

Marblehead made it 3-1 before the Rams wrapped up the victory with 3:17 to go.

Bedford resident Violet Lorusso's first varsity goal

put Shawsheen/Bedford in front, assisted by Paige Fuller of Wilmington, before junior Alexis Fox of Wilmington made it 2-0 with a goal assisted by Becca Sobol of Bedford.

Fox scored again in the second with Macy Savage of Wilmington and Giana Peach of Wilmington earning assists.

"It was a great game from Alexis all around," O'Shea said of Fox.

At 7:51 of the third period, Ava Vautour scored for Marblehead, but Sobol scored late to put the game away and leave Shawsheen in a great position to make the playoffs. Peach assisted Sobol's third-period tally.

"Playing with limited numbers has been difficult, but we're very happy we were able to get the win," said O'Shea.

Goalie Elianna Munroe earned the victory in net

for the Rams.

Before Marblehead, Shawsheen lost a 3-0 game at Newburyport last Wednesday.

BOYS HOCKEY

Taking care of business.

On Thursday in Billerica, the Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team put the finishing touches on another excellent Commonwealth Athletic Conference season by b l a s t i n g visiting Northeast Regional by a 7-0 score.

"We made a good run at (the league title)," said Ram coach Chuck Baker. "Beating Essex Tech in the CAC standings by one point, the Rams moved into first with Essex facing Lowell Catholic on Feb. 19.

If Essex, whose only league loss came to Shawsheen last week, defeats Lowell Catholic, it wins the league title outright.

A tie against LC would make Essex and the Rams co-champs.

To set up Essex's must-win contest, Shawsheen had to skate past Northeast for the second time this season.

The Rams didn't leave much room for suspense, scoring four times in the first period, once in the second and twice in the third.

Junior goalie Nate Medeiros of Billerica was between the pipes for Shawsheen and chalked up the shutout, continuing a terrific run by the Ram defense.

"Nate wasn't that tested tonight, but he did a good job," said Baker. "This was his first full game and he got the shutout and it's good to know that we can throw him in there."

In its last six games, Shawsheen is 5-0-1 with 31 goals-for and five against with two shutouts.

For the year, the Rams are 13-2-1 with 84 goals and 18 goals against, an average of just 1.12 goals against.

"We're doing great defensively and that includes the goalies," Baker said. "We're limiting shots and blocking shots. We're doing a good job and that's the sign of a good team."

Five minutes into the game, Shawsheen made it 1-0 when Dylan Higson of Bedford scored a goal assisted by freshman Justin Thibert of Wilmington.

Three minutes later, senior Brady Darcey of Billerica made it 2-0, converting a pass from junior Roland Spengler of Tewksbury.

At 11:48 of period No. 1, Higson scored again with assists to Thibert and junior Chase Darcey of Billerica. The Rams pushed the lead to four at 13:10 when Chase Darcey converted a feed from senior Kevin Ackerley of Wilmington.

Halfway through the second period, Chase Darcey scored again with Ackerley picking up his second assist to make it 5-0.

In a chippy third period, junior Dom DiMambro of Billerica scored twice for Shawsheen with sophomore Ben Gibbons of Wilmington and senior Collin Strong of Tewksbury earning assists.

Shawsheen concludes its regular season with non-league contests on Thursday, Feb. 16 in Billerica against Marblehead, a Saturday trip to Haverhill at 6 p.m., a Tuesday afternoon home game against Fitchburg/Monty Tech at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 and a Thursday home game at 4 p.m. against Methuen on Feb. 23.

Where's the Action?

| Day | Date | Sport | Opponent | Time |
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| Tewksbury High Sports | | | | |
| Thursday | Feb 16 | V Girls Hoop | vs Lawrence | 6:30 pm |
| Friday | Feb 17 | V Boys Hoop | at Billerica | 7:00 pm |
| Friday/Saturday | Feb 17/18 | V Wrestling | Division 3 States | TBA |
| Saturday | Feb 18 | V Girls Hockey | at Beverly | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | Feb 18 | V Boys Hockey | vs Winchester | 6:00 pm |
| Monday | Feb 20 | V Girls Hockey | vs Matignon | 5:00 pm |
| Monday | Feb 20 | V Girls Hoop | at Foxboro Tourney | TBA |
| Tuesday | Feb 21 | V Girls Hoop | at Foxboro Tourney | TBA |
| Wednesday | Feb 22 | V Girls Hockey | vs Masco/Longmeadow | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb 22 | V Boys Hockey | vs Wilmington | 7:10 pm |
| Wilmington High Sports | | | | |
| Friday | Feb 17 | V Girls Hoop | vs Medford | 5:00 pm |
| Friday/Saturday | Feb 17/18 | V Wrestling | at Division 3 States | TBA |
| Saturday | Feb 18 | V Boys Hockey | at Melrose | 7:20 pm |
| Sunday | Feb 19 | V Boys Hoop | at North Reading | 3:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Feb 21 | V Girls Hockey | at Central Catholic | 12:10 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb 22 | V Boys Hockey | at Tewksbury | 7:10 pm |
| Wednesday | Feb 22 | V Girls Hockey | at Framingham Tour | TBA |
| Shawsheen Tech Sports | | | | |
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Maura and Jared emerge in the pool for the Shawsheen Tech Rams

Krueger siblings jump right into success

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BILLERICA - At one point in time before she became a high school athlete, Shawsheen Tech freshman Maura Krueger gave up racing and did synchronized swimming.

Unfortunately for other swimmers in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference this season, she isn't synchronizing anymore.

"She got away from competitive swimming when she was younger," Shawsheen swim coach Rick Menard said. "Swimming is a sport where if you don't love it, you're just banging your head against the wall. You have to have your heart into it. I'm glad that she came back to it."

Krueger, of Tewksbury, had quite a rookie campaign for the Rams.

She qualified for this winter's sectional championships in a total of five events, ultimately choosing the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard freestyle for last Saturday's meet in Beverly. She qualified for both of those races at this Saturday's state finals at MIT in Cambridge as well.

Krueger finished 19th in her races at sectionals, the biggest swim meet of her young career.

"There were a lot of people there," she said. "But it went well."

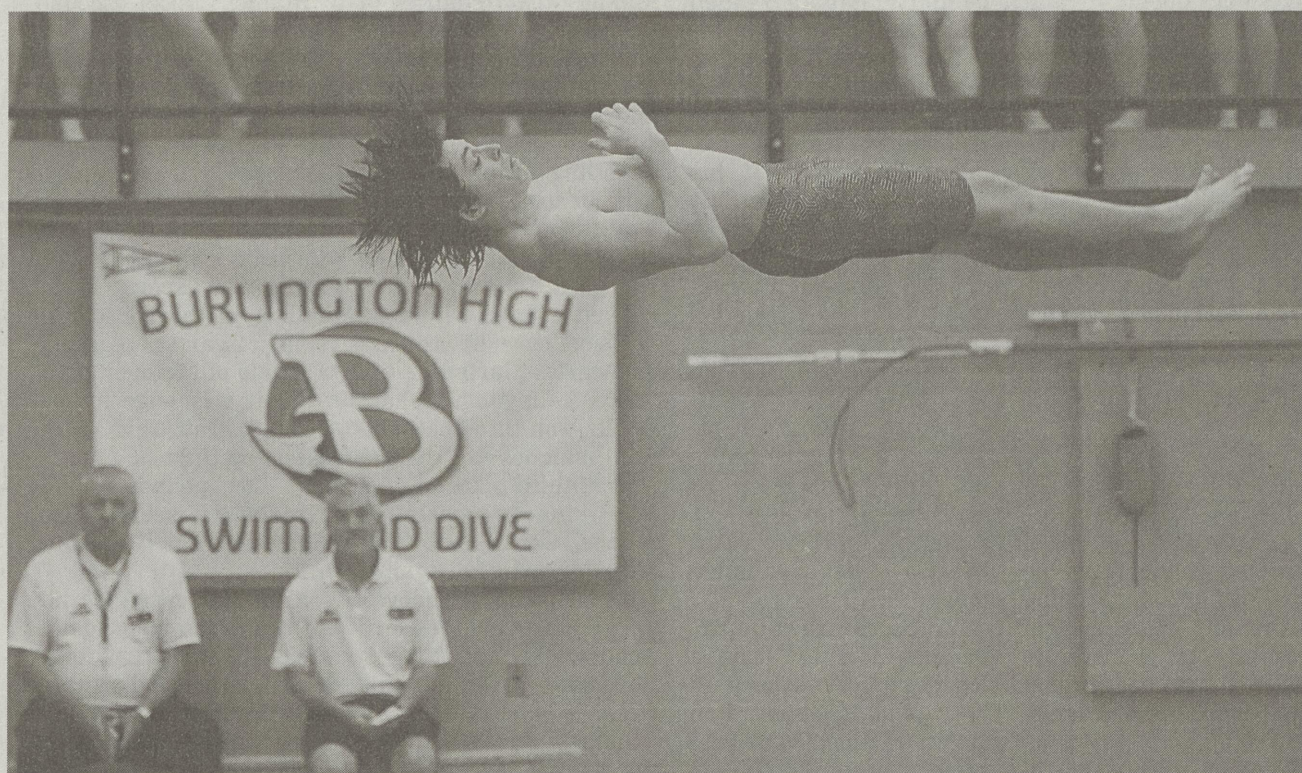
"I'm very proud of her," said her smiling older brother Jared, who helped the boys team win the state's vocational championship with a variety of roles on the team two weeks ago. "I'll never tell it to her face, but I'm very proud of her."

In the backstroke at sectionals, Maura was the third freshman to touch the wall with a time of 1:05.73, rebreaking her own school record in the process.

She was less than a second away from scoring points in the event as the 16th place finisher, Mystic Valley freshman Isabella Cirame, finished in 1:05.05.

Two sophomores finished ahead of Krueger, putting her sixth among all underclassmen in the race.

Maura was fourth among freshman and sixth among underclass-



Above Jared Krueger and below his sister Maura in action for the Shawsheen Tech Swim team during an earlier season meet. Both of them were crowned CAC Champions in different events. (photos by Bob DeChiara).



always been around (swimming). She kind of grew up on the pool deck." Menard had an interesting challenge as the season started.

"We have a six-lane pool and we try to separate the (boys and girls) teams," Menard explained. "If I can do it evenly, I'll try to keep the girls together, especially when you're trying to build comradery and doing a lot of drill work."

The problem?

was right there. She was leading her lane or going second behind one of the bigger boys in a different lane. It was nice."

"I walked into the pool on the first day of tryouts and said 'This is my sister, she is faster than me, I know this and I have no shame in it,'" joked Jared. "I knew she had very good swimming abilities, but when she first hopped into the water, even I was like 'She is really good at this.' It was good to see her

in electronics so she jumped on it. We're very happy to have her."

Maura was part of three state vocational championships this season, taking first in the butterfly in 1:08.51, winning the 200-yard individual medley in 2:18.1 and helping the 200-yard freestyle relay team win in 2:01.22 along with teammates Makayla Nolan and seniors Leah Casey and Sarah Simonds. The efforts helped the Ram girls take second

who would go on to swim at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, with a time of 1:06.5.

"Molly was a very good swimmer," said Menard, who coached Harrington at Shawsheen. "Her name was on the record board eight times at Shawsheen Tech."

The other mark was the backstroke record, which was in existence since 1999 and belonged to Tewksbury's Candice

up on the board in the 200-yard individual medley. That time is 2:12.

"Maura isn't close to it right now, but over the next three years she has a chance to pull that one off," Menard said. "That would be amazing. I love it when the kids look up at the board and see the old numbers and they're like 'I can get that.'"

Menard said Maura's talents are contagious in a sport like swimming.

"Maura is the next one up," he said. "You get these core kids and everybody just kind of builds off of them and what they're doing. They see that putting in the work is reaping rewards and your relays start to get faster and the next thing you know you have one anchor on your relay and the other three kids say 'I have to pull my weight.' She raises the level of competition."

Jared has a way of raising the levels of competition as well, higher than most people would be comfortable with, in fact.

Actually, higher than he was OK with as a freshman.

"As a freshman I sort of hopped onto the diving board because I told (Coach Menard) that I had done gymnastics," Jared said. "I tried one dive and said 'Nope, not for me.'"

He didn't go near the diving board as a sophomore, but gave it another try this season, with tremendous results.

"I decided to give it another shot," he admitted. "And hit it off with it this time."

He sure did.

Now, Jared is Shawsheen's top diver, placed first just about every time he competed and nearly qualified for the postseason meets in the event. Jared won the diving event at the CAC championships, chipping in big points as the Ram boys won the team title.

"As long as I score some points for the team, I'm happy," he said.

"He's a really good diver," said Maura, while quickly acknowledging with a laugh that she will never participate in the event.

Jared also competed in several individual events including the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard breaststroke and the 100-



Jared (left) and Maura Krueger of Tewksbury, enjoyed terrific seasons for the Shawsheen Tech Swim team.



(photos by Bob DeChiara).

men in the 100-free, finishing in 57.62 seconds. Once again, she was less than a second away from scoring in the event as Newton South junior Zoe Zalkind was 16th in 56.87 seconds. "She has a big swim background," Menard said. "She came in and her conditioning was top-notch. Her father was a high school coach and a club coach so she has

Krueger was faster than all of the girls on the team, and even some of the boys.

"It was almost detrimental to the other girls in the lane," Menard added. "She's just running over three or four kids. I'm like 'OK, you have to go swim with the senior boys.' I'd stick her over there with her brother and the big kids and even at that, she

swim."

The swim program at Shawsheen wasn't even a sure thing for Maura as an eighth grader. Initially, she planned to attend Tewksbury High before ultimately deciding to go to Shawsheen with her brother.

"It was a pleasant surprise," Menard said. "At the last minute she said she was really interested

place in the state as a team.

Maura set two school records during the season as well, both in a Jan. 6 meet against Mystic Valley. In both cases, it was only Maura's second time during the season that she tried those races.

She topped the butterfly record owned by 2016 graduate Molly Harrington of Tewksbury,

Judd-Mulik. Maura finished that race in 1:05.98.

"I didn't think I was going to get (any records) that early in the season," she admitted. "I thought it might be more toward the last meet."

Menard doesn't think Krueger is done breaking records. He even thinks she might someday have a chance to take down a record from 1981 that sits

yard butterfly. He was also a part of all three Ram relays.

"He's a very strong swimmer," Menard said. "He won't be one of our captains next year, but he will be one of our leaders. I'm looking forward to having him for another season."

"We had a good season," added Jared. "It's been a pleasure being part of the

On the mat, wrestlers swipe second place at D1 Sectionals

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The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team's tremendous season continued on Saturday.

With three champions, one runner-up and nine wrestlers placing in all, the Rams finished second overall at the Div. 1 North tournament in Methuen, coming in behind only St.

John's Prep of Danvers. Central Catholic was third, Chelmsford took fourth and Methuen ended up fifth.

"Not too bad," said Doug Pratt, Shawsheen's coach. "The boys really came through. We only brought thirteen guys and eleven placed. That's not a bad day at the Div. 1 North tournament. Our section is just so tough."

Of those eleven

Shawsheen wrestlers, seven advanced to this weekend's Div. 1 state tournament and two more will travel to Methuen as alternates.

Sophomore Sid Tildsley of Billerica won the championship at 138 pounds.

Tildsley won his first two matches by first-period falls, topping Ronald Nguyen of Lawrence and Ashley Dehney of Central Catholic before a techni-

cal fall win over Mason Hinshaw-Marble in the semifinals by a 21-6 score.

That advanced Tildsley to the finals where he edged out Jayden D'Ambrosio of St. John's Prep, 6-2.

"That kid (D'Ambrosio) is good and strong," Pratt said. "Now, as kids know who Sid is, and everyone does now, kids sort of run from him so he has to pick his spots. He was very

careful and he got the win."

Freshman James Tildsley of Billerica took the top spot at 132 pounds with a dominating 4-0 performance.

After beating Lukas Fondulis of Saugus in 43 seconds in the first round and handling Casey Peugh of Haverhill in 28 seconds of the quarterfinals, James defeated Malakai Linton-Everett of

Chelmsford in the semifinals after just 41 seconds.

In the finals, James was up 4-0 in the second period against Nick Spero of Central Catholic when Spero was disqualified, giving the title to Tildsley. The DQ ended up costing Central all of the previous points earned by Spero, helping the Rams move past the Red Raiders in

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Shawsheen Wrestlers swipe second place at D1 Sectionals

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the team standings.

Shawsheen's other champion was sophomore Bray Carbone of Billerica at 120 pounds.

Carbone was overwhelming in his three victories.

In the quarterfinals, he beat Matt Lallo of Chelmsford by technical fall when he took an 18-3 lead.

The semifinals was similar as Carbone took a 26-10 lead over Braedon Goes of St. John's Prep, winning by technical fall once again.

Carbone topped Jason Ballou in the finals by a 16-4 decision.

"He's wrestling really well right now," Pratt said. "He had something like thirteen takedowns in the semifinals. He's been on fire. He's pretty tough and I think he'll be the

No. 1 seed at the Div. 1 state tournament."

Junior Austin Malandain of Billerica made the finals at 220 pounds before losing to Matt Harrold of Haverhill in the championship match.

"Not bad for someone that didn't even place last year and he went to the finals this year," Pratt said of Malandain. "Austin weighs 197 pounds wrestling at 220 pounds. And (Harrold) was all of 220."

Malandain won three matches to earn his spot in the title match, pinning Henry Babineau of Westford Academy in the first round, outscoring Nathaniel Ramos of Lawrence by a 9-2 score and then edging Chelmsford's Ian Mwangi, 5-4.

Shawsheen scored third-

place points at 145 pounds behind junior Caleb Caceres of Billerica.

Caceres won his opening match against Michael Korch of Chelmsford in 53 seconds, but lost by fall in the third period of his quarterfinal match against Methuen's Vincent DeMaio.

In the consolation semifinals, Caceres needed only 37 seconds to pin Haverhill's Jayden Flanagan before defeating Ryan DeSouza of St. John's Prep in the battle for third place by a 3-0 decision.

"Caleb battled," said Pratt. "He wrestled tough."

Two Rams ended up finishing fourth, Logan Holmes of Tewksbury at 126 pounds and Ben Gooltz of Billerica at 152.

Gooltz went 4-2 in six

matches, losing twice to Manny Marshall of Chelmsford, first in the quarterfinals and then in the battle for third and fourth place.

"Both times he was wrestling (Marshall) he was beating him," said Pratt. "But he still ended up placing fourth, which was good."

Gooltz started with a 4-2 decision over Lawrence's Jeancarlos Martinez.

After falling to Marshall, Gooltz won three consolation matches to earn a shot at third place.

In the consolation rounds, Gooltz had first-period wins by fall against Gavin Oliveira of Andover, Jack Ring of Westford Academy and Sam LoRusso of St. John's Prep.

Holmes was fourth for the Rams at 126 after fin-

ishing 2-2.

Holmes upset second-seeded Max LoRusso of St. John's Prep in the quarterfinals, 8-5, but lost to Andover's Nicholas Archam in the semifinals, 5-2.

In the consolation semis, Holmes defeated Central Catholic's James Crippen by a 7-2 score before falling in the consolation final against Anthony DeMaio of Methuen, 15-0.

"That was huge for our team," Pratt said of the effort by Holmes.

At 106 pounds, Dante Graziano scored for Shawsheen, finishing fifth.

After falling by decision in the first round against Cole Glynn of Lawrence, Graziano started the consolation tourney by pinning Jayden Reynoso of Lawrence in the first round.

Graziano would lose by fall to Mike Morris of Haverhill in his next match before winning the battle for fifth place by third-period fall against Ben Schumacher of St. John's Prep.

Also taking fifth for Shawsheen was Jake Metcalf at 170 pounds.

Metcalf went 3-2 in five matches on Saturday, taking a 14-4 major decision against Lynn's Isaque Taveira in Round 1 before losing by fall to Methuen's Joseph Bolduc in the quarterfinals.

Bolduc would end up falling in the tournament final.

Metcalf rallied in the consolation bracket, pinning Amirhossan Zaman of Andover in the first round of his next match, but fell to Central Catholic's Caden Chase by an 8-4 score in the next contest.

Metcalf won the battle for fifth place, pinning Haverhill's Kevin McAninch in 49 seconds.

AJ Canadas took sixth at 160 pounds for the Rams, finishing 2-3 overall with a

win by fall over Westford Academy's Ben Chen and a 10-4 decision victory against Methuen's Braeden Delaney.

At 113 pounds, Dante Giusti went 3-3 and took sixth.

Giusti won his first match by first-period fall over Ryan Van Buren of Andover and then won two decisions in the consolation rounds, edging Isaiah Burgos of Chelmsford by a 9-5 score and then defeating Liam O'Brien of Marblehead/Swampscott, 8-2.

Ryan Murphy and Thomas Cormier also represented the Rams at the tournament.

Murphy won one match at 182 pounds, a 6-2 decision over Jordanny Mateo of Lawrence, and Cormier won a match at 195, pinning Freddy Espinal of Saugus/Peabody in the third period of their match.

"We only took second by ten points," said Pratt. "I tell the guys all of the time. Our studs do their thing, but without the guys down below scoring points and winning matches, we're not doing what we did, we don't take second place. Every match, every win, every pin counts for the team, and they did a heck of a job. It was a really good day for us."

Pratt is hoping that the Rams have a few more really good days before the season officially comes to an end.

"They want to win the states for the first time, they want to win the all-states for the first time and they want to win New England's for the first time," Pratt said. "I don't know if we can do it this year or maybe next year, but we'll see. We've exceeded a lot of expectations so far. This group has high expectations."



The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team finished second at Saturday's Division 1 North Sectional Tournament. Celebrating with the trophy includes back row Ben Gooltz; middle row from left, Ryan Murphy, Paul Kilfoyle, Austin Malandain, Brayton Carbone, Logan Holmes, Dante Giusti, Dante Graziano and AJ Canadas; front row from left, Jake Metcalf, Joe Menkello, Sid Tildsley and Tommy Cormier. (courtesy photo).

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